

Poll boost as jobless total drops 96,000

Unemployment recorded one of its sharpest-ever falls last month, government figures showed. The adult jobless total has now fallen for three months running and ministers and officials believe the trend is firmly downwards.

Tomorrow Winter sports?

Cricket: John Woodcock reports from Brisbane on the First Test. Tennis: Rex Bellamy previews the semi-finals of the Benson and Hedges championships from Wembley.

Portfolio Gold

There was no winner again yesterday in The Times Portfolio Gold competition so today there is £12,000 to be won, treble the usual daily prize.

TIMES BUSINESS

Dealing upset Dealings on the Stock Exchange were disrupted again when its computerized dealing system was shut down temporarily amid its worst problems since its launch.

£41m spree

The New Zealand entrepreneur, Mr Ron Brierley, has raised his stake in Ocean Transport and Trading to 23.6 per cent in a £41 million share-buying spree.

£271m bid

Sir Francis Tombs, chairman of Turner & Newall, is making a new offer of £271 million in cash and shares for the A&E group.

TIMES SPORT

Cash wins

Pat Cash, of Australia, followed his victory over John McEnroe by beating Sergio Casal, of Spain, to reach the quarter-finals of the Benson and Hedges tennis championships at Wembley.

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Sharing the honours: The Queen and Mr Frederick Koch, one of America's most generous arts patrons who gave £2 million towards the new Swan Theatre at Stratford-upon-Avon, unveiling plaques at the theatre's official opening yesterday. (Photograph: John Manning)

US and the Iranian weapons furore Shady net of dealers uncovered

An international network of ships and planes, supported by mysterious middlemen who charter vessels from legitimate and shady companies, exists for the sole purpose of ferrying US military equipment to Iran, according to details that began emerging yesterday.

Arms supplied but not in hostage deal, says Reagan

On the eve of a televised address from the Oval Office breaking the White House silence on the Iranian arms furore, President Reagan admitted to key congressional leaders that American arms had been sent to Tehran and indicated he would continue contacts there.

Gorbachov lobbies Thatcher

Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, yesterday sent the Prime Minister a personal letter on the eve of her flight to Washington for a major review of arms control prospects with President Reagan.

Fire ends Peterhead jail siege

The five-day siege at Peterhead prison in Scotland ended spectacularly yesterday as rioting prisoners set fire to their cell block before giving themselves up and releasing their hostage prison officer unharmed.

Geoffrey Smith 9 Star Wars counter 11

Thatcher, was seen as an attempt at last minute lobbying. Whitehall sources discouraged speculation that the letter represented a Soviet effort to use Mrs Thatcher as a go-between.

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A television stunt for tomorrow's BBC 1 Late Late Breakfast Show went tragically wrong yesterday when a participant training for an escapology display plunged to his death.

Last day for Gas priority

Today is the last day for British Gas customers to register their priority in the queue for privatization shares.

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Mr Michael Lush, aged 25, a self-employed builder, of Southampton, was abseiling down a rope tied to a box hanging from a crane about 100 feet above the ground at Long Crendon near Thame when it snapped.

Fresh blow to hopes for a teachers' deal

After more than five days of negotiations on teachers' pay which began in Nottingham and have continued at the London headquarters of the conciliation service Acas, teachers and local authorities were dealt a further blow last night.

Mr Philip Merridale, leader of the Conservative minority among the local authorities, revealed that the Tory authorities had voted against the conditions of service element in the package as too costly.

These proposals would involve the recruitment and payment of more than 10,000 teachers. The resources being talked of are massive, and certainly outside the cost envelope set by the Government, he said.

It emerged yesterday that the National Association of Head Teachers (NAHT), which represents 70 per cent of heads in England and Wales, is more alienated than ever by the emerging deal.

He said parents of children who were sent home or locked out would not forgive the teachers, "and nor would the country".

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Advertisement for The British Home and Hospital for Incapacitated People, featuring a photo of a person and text about home care services.

Rain keeps voters away

Heavy rain kept voters away from the polls at the start of the Knowsley North by-election yesterday, but party workers in the Merseyside constituency were optimistic that there would be a rush during the evening.

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NEWS SUMMARY

Vauxhall tackles absentee blight

More than 8,000 Vauxhall employees have been told that the level of absenteeism at the Luton-based car company is unacceptable. The company, facing losses of £60 million this year, estimates that at least £7 million of that will be caused by absenteeism.

A company spokesman said yesterday: "This is not a witch-hunt... But there have been people in our plant who have been abusing the system and they are costing their colleagues and the company money."

Absenteeism at the company is about 13 per cent - double the national average - and the problem is particularly bad on Mondays and Fridays.

Vauxhall has identified workers whose attendance record is poor and they will be asked whether they have an identifiable health problem. If their attitude is deemed unreasonable, the company will consider dismissal.

More Legion cases

Three more cases of Legionnaires' disease have been found in Gloucestershire where an outbreak has killed a man aged 62.

Health chiefs said yesterday that the three had recovered after treatment for pneumonia. The cases came to light after checks on 27 pneumonia cases.

Costly theme

Mr Peter de Savary, aged 42, appeared at Marlborough Magistrates' Court in Wiltshire, yesterday, charged with 44 breaches of building regulations at Littlecote, his theme park.

Mr de Savary denied all charges and the case against him was dismissed after Kennet council offered no evidence. His company, and a consultant, Mr John Taylor, were found guilty of not informing the council of work being done and fined a total of £17,200.

Secrets charge

A man accused of breaking the Official Secrets Act was sent for trial by magistrates at Taunton, Somerset, yesterday.

Mark Jackson, aged 30, whose address was given as the Royal Ulster Constabulary headquarters in Belfast, is accused of unlawfully retaining documents and also of communicating documents "while an officer of the Queen" to Julian Ritchie.

He was given bail until the trial at Exeter Crown Court.

Duchess calls in

The Queen Mother, making good progress as she rested her injured leg, was visited yesterday by the Duchess of York in the King Edward VII Hospital for Officers.

The Duchess, wearing a white pullover and trousers, spent about 10 minutes at the London hospital after arriving by car with a detective. Earlier, Clarence House had said the Queen Mother, aged 86, had spent a comfortable night.

Flowers from well-wishers continued to arrive at the hospital. The Queen Mother who suffered the injury in Scotland about three weeks ago, was admitted on Tuesday.

Murrell inquiries

Detectives in West Mercia yesterday ended their questioning of a man, aged 32, about the murder of the peace campaigner, Miss Hilda Murrell (right), at Shrewsbury two years ago.

The man is due to appear in court in London today, on charges of murdering two elderly women and raping a girl, aged 14.



Tebbit wins MPs' backing over break with students

Tory chief accused of left witch-hunt

By Nicholas Wood, Political Reporter

Conservative backbenchers yesterday solidly supported Mr Norman Tebbit's decision to sever his party's links with the Federation of Conservative Students.

MPs from both the right and the left said that after the recent outcry over allegations in a federation magazine that Lord Stockton was guilty of "war crimes", the Conservative chairman had no option but to curb the young radicals.

But last night Mr Harry Phibbs, aged 20, the libertarian activist responsible for the offending interview in the now defunct *New Agenda*, said Mr Tebbit had made a "serious mistake".

He blamed leftists in Central Office for orchestrating a witch-hunt against the ultra-right federation.

He was seeking an urgent meeting with the party chairman in an attempt to persuade him to overturn his decision to cut off its £30,000 a year grant and give it a year to leave its office in Smith Square.

The federation at national level is being replaced by a new body known as the Co-operative Collegiate Forum.

That 20-member group, charged with galvanizing Tory support to universities and polytechnics among students and academics, will be chaired by Mr Peter Morrison, the recently appointed deputy chairman of the Conservative Party.

Mr Morrison said yesterday that the decision to break with the federation had been taken because some of the leadership, with the notable excep-

tion of Mr John Bercow, its chairman, among others, had not been attracting the support of students in the way hoped.

"They have been taking up rather narrow positions," he said.

The new forum would be made up of 12 area representatives and eight others drawn from postgraduate and academic circles.

The changes were unanimously approved yesterday by the executive of the National Union of Conservative Associations, which will decide next year whether to disaffiliate the network of campus-based federation branches.

Mr Bercow, who has consistently backed Mr Tebbit's tough stance, will stay on at Smith Square on his sabbatical salary and join the new organization.

He blamed the federation's demise on "a minority of recalcitrant individuals" on its controlling national committee.

That "barney" fringe had been more interested in grabbing power and "sticking knives" into its internal opponents than campaigning on behalf of the party.

Speaking on BBC Radio 4, he said: "The difficulty has arisen by virtue of the fact that a lot of extremely good activists are at local level and some of the trouble-makers have unfortunately been at the very top."

Mr Gerry Hayes, MP for Harlow, said the federation had come to represent the "unacceptable face of conservatism" through some of

its members espousing "tacky, seamy" causes such as the legalization of incest and heroin.

Mr Michael Brown, MP for Brigg and Cleethorpes, a free-market right-winger, said he had defended the federation's right to speak out in the past, but it had tested even his patience.

"I am not surprised at this development. Not many tears will be shed."

Mr Brown said the shake-up should be seized as an opportunity to reconsider the party's approach to the youth vote, both inside and outside universities.

Mr Phibbs said that Mr Tebbit's decision had been unexpected and would cause astonishment and disappointment among the federation's 14,000 members.

He claimed the move was prompted by "people in Central Office who have no time for Mrs Margaret Thatcher and are very much on the left of the Conservative Party". They had been "gunning" for the federation since 1980.

He contrasted the federation's loyalty to Mr Tebbit with the activities of the "wet-led" Young Conservatives who, he said, earlier this year had issued a statement describing him as a "political mugger".

He said the federation still has tremendous admiration for Mr Tebbit. "And I hope our members will get on with promoting the Conservative cause and not be too distracted by these organizational problems in London," Mr Phibbs added.



Mr Phibbs yesterday, when he complained of a witch-hunt.

Cabinet plans MI5 documents black-out

By Michael Evans, Whitehall Correspondent

The Government plans to fight all the way any further attempt by the defence lawyers, in the case involving the former MI5 officer, Mr Peter Wright, to acquire top-secret documents about past activities of the security service.

Counsel for Mr Wright and the Heinemann company of Australia, which hopes to publish his book on MI5, will seek a further order from Mr Justice Powell in the New South Wales Supreme Court today to make the Government hand over much more sensitive documents than were released on Wednesday.

In particular, the lawyers want the documents released which relate to the Government's conclusions that the late Sir Roger Hollis, the former director-general of MI5, was not a Soviet spy, which the Prime Minister announced in her statement to the House of Commons in 1981.

A senior Whitehall source said yesterday: "If we hand over these very sensitive documents, where will it stop? This whole issue is about confidentiality. If a former member of the security service is seen to be able to breach the rules of confidentiality, it will send the wrong signals to those people who deal with MI5, in other words intelligence agents from other countries."

The source added: "The danger is that if former officers of MI5 disclose information to the press, other agencies will be less keen to pass on information to the security service."

The plan by the Government to appeal against any further order for more documents will inevitably delay the start of the court case in Sydney.

Mr Wright left MI5 11 years ago and emigrated to Australia. Now 71, he lives in seclusion in Tasmania and feels he has a duty to clear out the stables once and for all, to ensure that "the firm", as the security service is known, can operate with an unimpaired reputation.

In 1984 he produced a 160-page dossier, *The Security of the United Kingdom Against the Assault of the Russian Intelligence*, which he sent to Sir Anthony Kershaw, the Tory MP for Stroud and chairman of the Commons select committee on foreign affairs.

The dossier, which was kept secret, was also seen by the head of the security service and Mrs Thatcher. But in July 1984 he appeared in a television programme by Granada's *World in Action*, in which he disclosed all his allegations and insisted that he was 99 per cent sure that Sir Roger Hollis was a double agent.

Mr Wright spent many years, both during his time with MI5 and after he left, investigating Soviet penetration of Britain's intelligence services, and in particular the allegations against Sir Roger, and is so convinced of his own findings that he offered to come to Britain to appear before the Security Commission.

He was shocked when he was told that he would be arrested once he stepped foot on British soil.

His book is an examination of the history of Soviet penetration of MI5 between 1958 and 1975, the years when he was a member, as well as detailing allegedly unlawful acts by MI5, including a plot to assassinate President Nasser during the Suez crisis and a bugging operation mounted against No 10 when the then Mr Harold Wilson was Prime Minister.

Bradford City fire

Bradford City Football Club, where 56 spectators died in a grandstand fire in May 1985, yesterday began its evidence in the High Court in Leeds in an attempt to rebuild its reputation and save its finances.

Within minutes of opening his defence at the High Court in Leeds, Mr Roy McAuley, QC, for the club, blamed the tragedy on the club's co-defendants, the Government's Health and Safety Executive and West Yorkshire County Council.

The hearing will decide whether the club, the execu-

Club lays blame for tragedy

utive and the now-defunct county council must bear legal liability for the disaster.

If a test case brought by Mrs Susan Fletcher, aged 34, and her son Martin, aged 12, succeeds then another 109 claimants will seek damages. Mrs Fletcher lost her husband, a son and two other relatives in the fire.

Mr McAuley spoke scornfully of two routine inspections of the Health and Safety Executive had made of the Valley Parade ground, the first in 1980 and a second four years later.

National Trust plan to restore historic estate

By John Young

An ambitious scheme to restore one of the great historic estates of Wales, owned until 10 years ago by the reputed descendants of medieval kings, was launched yesterday by Dame Jennifer Jenkins, chairman of the National Trust.

Dinefwr Park, near Llanidloes, was a royal estate long before the Norman Conquest and was the focal point of a protracted power struggle between warring feudal lords.

The restoration has been initiated by a notable range of organizations, including the Welsh Office, the World Wild-

life Fund, and Dyfed County Council.

The last medieval king, Rhys ap Idris, was officially "conquered" in 1095, but it was another two centuries before the Welsh were finally subdued by Edward I. In the meantime Lord Rhys of Dinefwr had built the present castle.

Around 1440 the estate was acquired by Gruffydd ap Nicholas, one of the new breed of ambitious Welsh gentry, whose grandson, Sir Rhys ap Thomas, helped Henry VII win the Battle of Bosworth.

Life sentence for 'designer drug' dealers

By Ian Smith

The Government yesterday launched a pre-emptive strike against "designer drugs" by announcing that making or supplying such drugs will attract a maximum penalty of life imprisonment.

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By Tim Jones

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Extremists warned not to attend Belfast rally

By Richard Ford

The RUC yesterday warned "loyalists" planning protests to mark the first anniversary of the Anglo-Irish agreement of the dangers of demonstrations being exploited by criminal and subversive elements.

There are fears that loyalist paramilitaries and extremists intend organizing their own activities, but the two Unionist leaders want to ensure that tomorrow's rally in Belfast is peaceful.

Tens of thousands of loyalists are expected outside the city hall to "show that Ulster still says no" to the agreement, but the Unionist party leaders warned paramilitaries and hoodlums to stay away.

Mr James Molyneux, leader of the Official Unionists and the Rev Ian Paisley, of the Democratic Unionists, pledged there would be no cuts in electricity services tomorrow, and said the purpose of the rally was a "head count" to demonstrate to the world the loyalist opposition to the deal.

Mr Paisley said that people could carry Unionist and Ulster flags but added: "People will not be there to have a paramilitary demonstration. We have made it clear we don't want anyone in hoods or covering their faces."

The 14 Unionist MPs, who have boycotted normal parliamentary business for the past 12 months, have with 22 Conservative backbenchers put down an amendment to the Queen's Speech and will vote against the government motion in the House of Commons next week.

Mr Paisley and Mr Molyneux are to meet Mr Neil Kinnock, the Labour leader,

on Wednesday to discuss the security situation, which has worsened since the signing of the agreement a year ago.

A comparison of the years before and after the signing shows that loyalist paramilitaries have increased their activities. They claim to have killed nine people in the period November 15, 1985, to November 6, 1986, compared with two the year before. RUC officer injuries rose from 113 to 348 and civilian injuries increased from 42 to 186.

Although loyalist terrorism has increased, it has not been on the scale frequently promised by extremists.

The grand aims of the agreement of ushering in "peace stability and reconciliation" have so far proved elusive, with sectarian divisions deeper, increased violence, intimidation and little hope of the British and Irish governments' aim of a devolved government in the province likely in the foreseeable future.

Both governments privately admit they underestimated the stubbornness of loyalist opposition to the accord and are now preparing to "batten down the hatches" and continue governing through direct rule while implementing the deal with Dublin.

While failing to bring down the agreement, loyalist opposition has slowed down its implementation and there has been little visible change on the ground in the North.

Nine full meetings of the ministerial conference have produced little, although the Government is to give voting rights to 8,000 Irish citizens in election to the Northern Ireland Assembly and there will be reforms to the Emergency Provisions Act although Britain has rejected Dublin's demand for an increase from one to three judges sitting in the Diplock courts.

In the republic legislation has yet to be introduced in the Dail ratifying Dublin's signing of the European Convention on Terrorism.

The agreement's first year of operation has probably been of more importance for its psychological effect on both Unionist and nationalist communities, as well as testing the resolve of the mainly Protestant RUC, which has not cracked under assault from both sections of the community.



Dreaming of the moon: Jonathan Richards, of Towyn, Abergele, Clwyd, winner of the under-eight category in the annual Post Office letter-writing competition. His entry was a letter to the American astronaut, Neil Armstrong, in which he asked whether he and Edwin Aldrin had argued about who was to step on the moon first and he also asked if he could join the next mission to the moon.

The other winners were Christopher Wallard, aged nine, of Woking, Surrey, who wrote to Merlin seeking the truth about his role in Avalon, and Eleanor Margolis, aged 15, of New Cross, south-east London, who wrote to the musician, Barry Tuckwell, on the difficulties of being a girl horn player. The competition attracted 152,000 entries from children who had to write to somebody famous (Photograph: Ros Drinkwater).

Travel agents' conference

Short-stay Australia package breaks up by a fifth

From Derek Harris, Brisbane

Short holiday breaks in British hotels, typically taken over a long weekend, have increased by a fifth this year. There has also been a big growth in other sectors of short-stay domestic tourism.

These are the initial findings of a study being made by Mr Victor Middleton, a consultant to the Wales Tourist Board, who is also a senior lecturer at Surrey University.

The study is the first reliable breakdown of the short-stay market in Britain and was disclosed to the Association of British Travel Agents conference yesterday.

Visits of one to three nights exceeded 30 million in 1985, with spending topping £800 million, Mr Middleton said.

Spending on short breaks in hotels and similar commercial accommodation probably amounts to as much as £9 million a year, he said.

This sector has at least tripled in size since 1980 and Mr Middleton expects substantial growth to continue, fuelled by the high level of promotional spending by hotel groups and holiday companies.

So far the growth of this part of the short-break market has paralleled that of foreign package holidays, which has also grown by about a fifth this year.

Visits to Australia by Britons are up 20 per cent this autumn and two leading British air carriers are exploring the possibility of launching charter flights as a basis for new package tours.

The Association of British Travel Agents was told on the last day of its conference that both the International Leisure Group (ILG), which includes Intasun and Calair, the charter subsidiary of British Caledonian, are considering the idea.

Charter flights would be breaking new ground in Australia. Three airports - Cairns, Townsville and Darwin - are technically available for such flights, but no carrier has yet used them.

Mr Sidney Perez, deputy chairman of ILG, believes an Australian package holiday could be offered for less than £1,000. He thought the flight would be about £500.

Mr Perez said: "We are looking at the possibilities. First it means finding an airline equipped for long-haul work."

But scheduled airlines such as Qantas argue that charters are inappropriate to the Australian market, because most travellers visit the country as part of a Far East tour taking in destinations such as

Thailand, Singapore and Hong Kong.

They also point out that with 17 airlines competing on the UK-Australia route there is already ample capacity. Moreover, discount fares can be had for as little as £600 which would leave charter companies with little or no margin to make the route pay.

Britain could soon join the United States and Japan as one of Australia's biggest tourism growth markets, according to Mr John Haddad, chairman of the Australian Tourist Commission.

Visa applications for the third quarter indicate an increased British visitor flow of 20 per cent and Mr Haddad is confident that 1988 - Australia's bicentennial year - would see 225,000 British visitors.

The longer-term aim is to hoist the British and Irish visitor totals to 600,000 by the turn of the century.

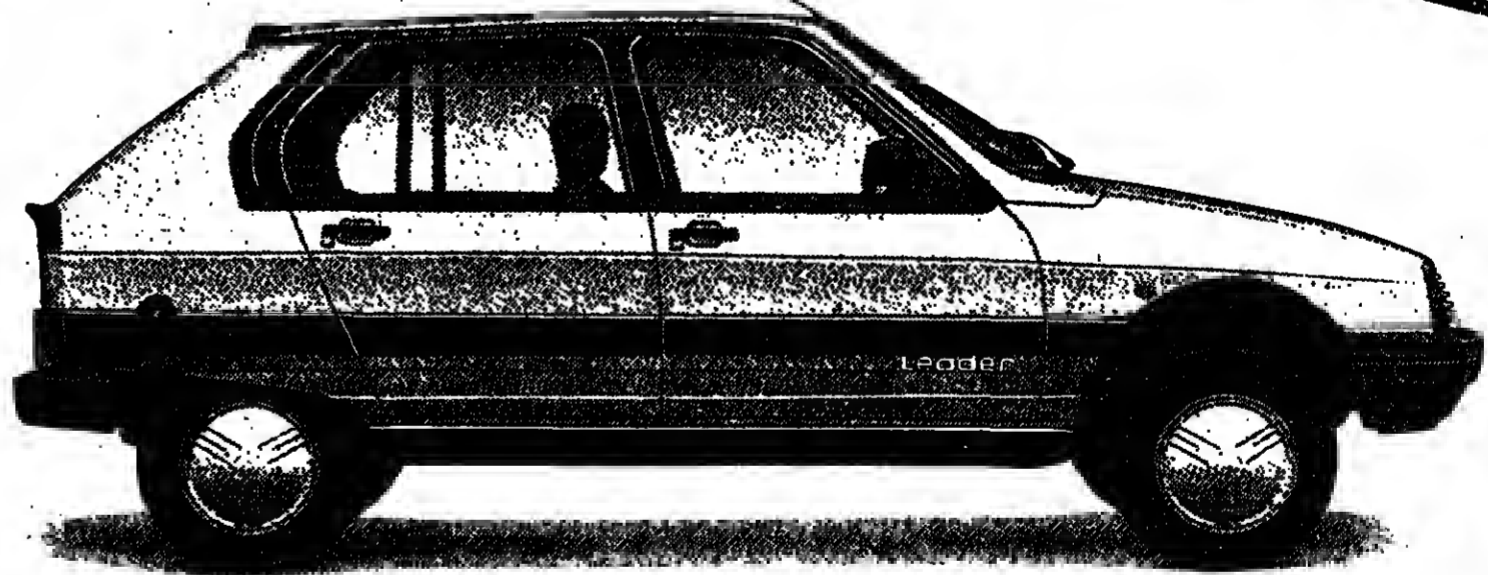
Four-day holidays in California for £299 are to be offered by Kuoni, Britain's biggest long-haul specialist.

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	1985	1986*
Deaths	46	58
Injuries RUC	285	458
Injuries RUC Reserve	70	66
Army	17	38
UDF	13	7
Civilians	429	648
TOTAL	814	1243
Shootings	200	310
Punishment attacks	25	29
Attacks on RUC	570	1300
Bombs		
Explosions	126	124
Defused	60	62
Charges		
Murder	23	9
Attempted murder	45	24
Fires	96	113
Explosives	34	20
Armed robbery	50	50
Other offences	189	360
TOTAL	435	576

* January 1 to October 31

Obituary hoax hits at Shorts plant manager

Detectives have been called into the Short Brothers aircraft plant in east Belfast to investigate the placing of a hoax death notice in a newspaper naming one of the company's managers.

The death notice appeared after "loyalist" posters urging support for tomorrow's Anglo-Irish protest rally, to be led by the Rev Ian Paisley, leader of the Democratic Unionist Party, were removed from walls in the factory.

The Shorts management ordered the removal of the posters on Monday, in line with its recent crackdown on sectarianism on the shop floor. Shorts is Ulster's biggest employer, with 7,000 workers, mostly Protestants.

On Wednesday night, a

single death notice naming a production line manager in the plant appeared in the *Belfast Telegraph*.

It was purportedly placed on behalf of "The management and fellow workers of the aircraft division Short Brothers," who "regretted" the death of the manager and "tendered their deepest sympathy to the family circle."

Detectives were first called into Shorts in August, when loyalist extremists operating under the label of the Protestant Loyalist Council were involved in a campaign of hate against Roman Catholics working in the plant.

A report on that investigation is believed to be with the Director of Public Prosecutions in Belfast.

Sale room

Bacon painting in auction record

By Geraldine Norman, Sale Room Correspondent

Francis Bacon has taken over from the late Henry Moore as Britain's most expensive living artist with the new auction price record of £644,827 set at Christie's in New York on Wednesday night.

The painting is titled "Seated Figure", dates from 1978 and is more than 6ft high. It is a memorial to Bacon's long-term companion George Dyer, who died in 1971. Dyer's head and shoulders are painted in the foreground; behind him a crouching figure with an umbrella elapses a lavatory pedestal. Dyer died on the lavatory of a Paris hotel room on the day that Bacon's 1971 retrospective was opened at the Grand Palais.

The Bacon was one of a group of 10 important contemporary works sent for sale by Ted Ashley, an American film producer. Christie's can film producer. Christie's had been suggesting a price had been \$650,000 to \$850,000 before the sale. The price in dollars was \$935,000. The buyer chose to remain anonymous.

Other notable Ashley works included Roy Lichtenstein's blown-up cartoon image of a green tank being blown up, entitled "Blang" which sold for \$792,000 (estimate \$600,000-\$800,000) or £546,206 to a Swiss dealer, and a small chalk drawing by Willem de Kooning, "Woman" of 1951-52, which made \$638,000 (estimate \$200,000-\$300,000) or £440,000. The sheet of paper measures 13in by 10in.

All 10 Ashley pictures sold, totalling £3,038,275. Christie's mixed-property sale of contemporary art made another £2,891,862, with 26 per cent unsold and a new auction price record for San Francisco at \$25,000 (estimate \$650,000-\$850,000) or £568,965. Another seven records were set for lesser artists.

In London yesterday a sale of Japanese art attracted a crowded room and high prices at Sotheby's. There were three fine pieces by Zeshin, the greatest lacquer artist of the nineteenth century.

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Army and RAF to get £1bn updated air defence system

By Peter Davenport, Defence Correspondent

The Government yesterday announced an order worth £1 billion to equip the Army and the RAF with the next generation of the highly successful Rapier air defence system. It has been placed with the Army Weapons Division of British Aerospace at Stevenage, Hertfordshire. The first systems, to equip two Army batteries and three RAF squadrons in West Germany, will be delivered in the early 1990s. The order will secure employment for 10,000 workers and Admiral Sir Raymond Lygo, managing director of BAE, said that the system will generate substantial export sales. Twelve countries have already bought the existing Rapier. It is expected that future export sales will account for at least half of the projected £3 billion production cycle. Announcing the order Lord Trefgarne, Minister of State for Defence Procurement, said that the original Rapier system, which entered service in 1974, could not be "stretched" any further. A new generation was required to meet the developing threat posed by high perfor-

mance, all-weather aircraft equipped with radically improved counter measures. The new Rapier 2000 is a mobile, three-part system consisting of tracker and surveillance radars and a launch missile equipped with eight instead of the current six missiles. It will be the principal low-level area air defence for the British forces well into the twenty-first century. Its role will be with forward troops on the battlefield as well as the defence of strategic targets such as airfields, radars and supply dumps. Development of the new system began three years ago at the BAE Army Weapons Division and is one third through the programme. It will be armed with two new missiles, one version carrying an armour-piercing warhead, the other a fragmentation warhead useful against likely future targets such as cruise missiles and low flying, remotely piloted vehicles. It will also have the capacity to fire and guide simultaneously two missiles against different targets. BAE will be the prime contractor for the system and the first delivery consignment of the new missiles, but the contract for later batches will go to competition. The existing range of Rapier has already attracted £1.5 billion of sales around the world. The United States is viewed as potentially an important customer for the new system which incorporates lessons learnt from its deployment during the Falklands campaign. Iran was one country which bought, but Lord Trefgarne said that any request from Tehran for the new system would be judged under the Government's guidelines to supply no equipment either to Iran or Iraq which would enhance the capability of their forces or extend the Gulf war. The contract has been placed on an incentive pricing arrangement covered by a maximum price for the complete package which means that BAE makes increased profits if it comes in below the figure but will lose financially if it exceeds it. Delivery of the Rapier 2000 to British forces is expected to be completed by the mid-90s.

Tax fraud charities face new legal curbs

By Peter Evans Home Affairs Correspondent

The Government will take further action if necessary to curb charity tax frauds, Mr Douglas Hurd, Home Secretary, said yesterday. He told a Charities Aid Foundation conference: "Some less scrupulous people have begun to look towards using charitable status simply as a method of avoiding tax and lining their own pockets. This I regard as a particularly despicable form of white collar crime, not only because it is wrong *per se* but because of the destructive effect it has upon people's attitude towards charitable giving." That was why the Government had introduced measures in this year's Finance Act to try to curb the abuses and would take more action if necessary. Meanwhile, he said, there was room for more self-regulation and voluntary action. His own preference was for letting the charity and voluntary sector safeguard its independence by developing its own methods and conventions of self-regulation. Exploitation of legal or administrative loopholes for short-term gains could seriously harm the reputation of the charitable world in the longer term, Mr Hurd said.



A shopper passing yesterday to admire Bradford's Bouncing Back bear, which went on display in Darley Street at the launching of a drive to improve the image of the West Yorkshire city. The campaign, with the "warm and friendly" bear symbol, was inspired by the £1 million Glasgow's Miles Better crusade.

Plea to bring the jobless into union pay bargaining

By Ian Smith

Fearful consequences were predicted by the director of the Industrial Society yesterday unless representatives of Britain's disaffected army of unemployed were allowed to join management and trade union leaders at the bargaining table. Mr Alistair Graham said the unemployed should be given the opportunity to try to channel company profits into job creation instead of workers' pay nuts. The divide between the long-term unemployed and those secure in jobs was growing wider every day and unless some means of work was held out, decay and desperation would loom ever larger. Addressing a meeting of industrialists and union leaders in York, Mr Graham said he had turned his back on being general secretary of the Civil and Public Servants Association to play his part in reducing some of the gaping divisions within British society. His message was bleak: unless employers, city investors, trade unions and workers unite to close the widening gap in society Britain would never again rise as a successful and prosperous society. A recently completed survey by the Institute of Man-

Demand for MoD ethnic figures

By Martin Fletcher, Political Reporter

The Ministry of Defence is to be sent a second and final demand by a Commons select committee for details of how many blacks and Asians there are in certain units of the Armed Forces. This comes after the ministry's refusal last week to supply the information. A further refusal will lead to ministers being "invited" to appear before the defence committee for an embarrassing and hostile public grilling. The committee, chaired by Sir Humphrey Atkins, the former Cabinet minister, first asked for the information covering no more than 10 units last July. At a private meeting on Wednesday night it rejected the ministry's excuse that the figures were not available, and decided to press the issue. The committee began its inquiry into ethnic minority recruitment and promotion prospects earlier this year after considerable media interest in the apparent absence of blacks and Asians from the better regiments, and the reported observation of the Prince of Wales that there were few black faces beneath the bearskins of the Guards' regiments. At the same time as refusing the committee's request last week, the ministry announced that it will introduce ethnic monitoring of recruits to the Armed Forces next year.

Support for family court plan

A unified family court involving both judges and lay members was further backed yesterday with a report from the British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering (Our Legal Affairs Correspondent writes). The report, produced by a working party set up jointly with the Association of Directors of Social Services, is the latest expression of support for a unified family court system which will involve lay members such as magistrates. The Lord Chancellor's Department is analysing responses to its own consultative paper on various models for a family court. But a common feature of proposals from groups such as the Law Society and Family Courts Campaign, as well as a group of judges, magistrates and justices' clerks is for a model involving laymen. There is opposition however from the Bar, where family lawyers say that magistrates are not equipped to deal with the complex issues in family cases. Yesterday's report called for a unified court, combining all the family jurisdiction now split between the High Court, county courts and magistrates' courts. The bench, it says, should consist both of lay members and judges. "We see advantages in the combined wisdom and experience of lay members and judges each making their own contribution to the decision-making process." Training, the report says, is a priority, and a conciliation service and court-based welfare reporting officers are essential. "These services are so important... that they should be provided in a consistent and planned way." Welcoming the report, Mrs Renee Short, chairman of the Commons select committee on social services, said that the committee had been anxious to see progress made on family courts to improve the system for children. "The family court has been hanging fire long enough," she said. "I hope the Government will now take urgent action and will make use of the carefully considered recommendations in this report." Family justice: A Structure for the Family Court (British Agencies for Adoption and Fostering, 11 Southwark Street, London SE1 1RQ; £6.95).

Reform of hearings sought

Old-style committal proceedings where witnesses give evidence cause excessive delays, put "extreme and totally unjustifiable" pressure on the prison service and should be abolished, the Justices' Clerks' Society said in a paper yesterday (Our Legal Affairs Correspondent writes). Most of the public are "totally unaware of, and equally indifferent to," full committal proceedings, and the agitation for retaining them comes from some lawyers "who cannot be regarded as wholly disinterested in the matter", it says. The abolition of full committals would lead to "massive reductions in the delay in bringing cases to trial, in the demands on prison space and prison officers' time, and in public expense, especially to the legal aid fund," the society says. "We consider that no single reform would achieve a greater reduction in the prison population without distorting the sentencing of convicted persons or involving executive intervention in the decisions of the courts." The society's paper represents a complete reversal of its stance on committal proceedings, adopted earlier this year in a joint paper with the Bar. That paper argued that the right to give oral evidence should be retained. The paper now says there should be a right, after committal, to apply for the quashing of the proceedings against the accused if no prima facie case can be shown. After the Criminal Justice Act, 1967, old-style committals were almost entirely replaced by the shorter proceedings where oral evidence is not given. But in recent years the practice of calling witnesses has increased. Home Office figures for October 1985 show in the week under review there were 214 "full" as against 1,480 "paper" committals. That 13 per cent of the total is not spread evenly over the country, some courts, including some of the busiest, find "full" committals account for a much higher percentage. Such proceedings are time-consuming. In October 1985 23 per cent were completed within 56 days of first listing, compared with 57 per cent of "paper" committals; 56 per cent were still not complete after 84 days against 21 per cent of "paper" ones.

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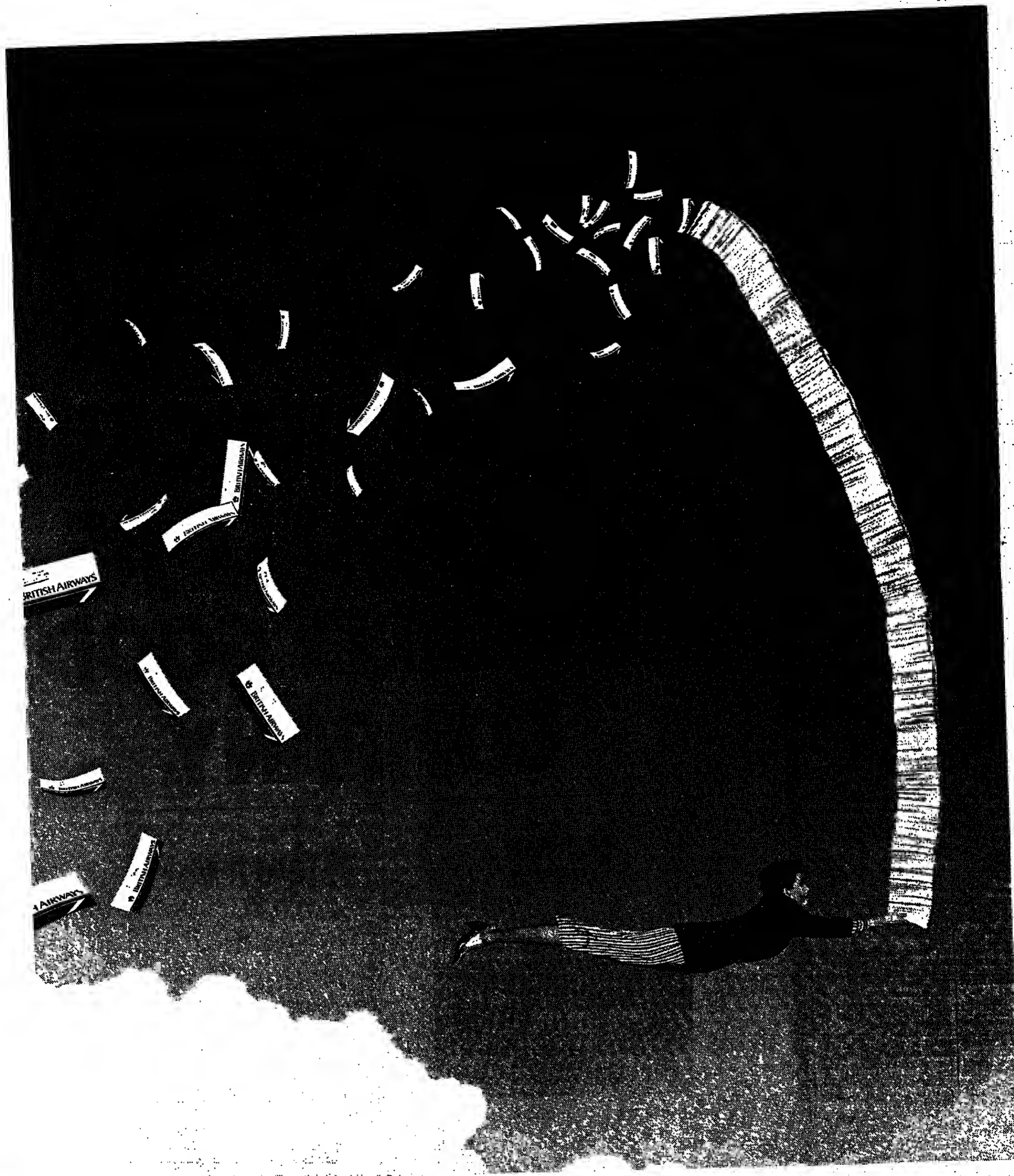


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COMMENTARY



Geoffrey Smith

Mrs Thatcher will be talking at Camp David tomorrow to a President who has already been wounded in his conduct of foreign policy and who may have more severe damage to come.

The story of Iran and the hostages has, I have found, upset Americans of every political hue in different parts of the country. It has caused them more embarrassment than any other foreign policy issue since those other hostages were released from Tehran as President Reagan came to power nearly six years ago.

The reaction has been very different from the response to Reykjavik. After the summit the Reagan Administration mounted an extraordinary publicity campaign, which somehow managed to convince the American people that a near-disaster had been a great success and the negotiators were on the threshold of breathtaking achievements.

My impression is that this version of events is now wearing rather thin with American opinion-formers, especially after the failure of the Shultz-Shevardnadze talks in Vienna last week.

For the moment, however, the American public remains uncritical of the President in his attempt to negotiate with the Soviet Union.

But the reported dealings with Iran cut across so much that the Administration has been saying to allies and to its own countrymen.

Reagan no longer above reproach

I have yet to come across anyone in the United States who is prepared to justify the operation. The best that is said is that with his incredible political skill Mr Reagan may once again be able to justify it to other Americans.

There has been, then, some immediate damage. The President is no longer above popular reproach for his handling of foreign policy. But will this be more than a passing embarrassment?

Everything depends, I suspect, on what the issue finally becomes for public opinion. If it becomes a question of how best to find a way through the labyrinth of Middle Eastern politics the damage should be contained.

It will all become too complex for outrage to be sustained. The Administration will be judged to have messed it up in this instance, but the President will probably be forgiven for trying to safeguard American lives his way.

It will be a different matter, though, if the principal issue becomes the White House's honesty and candour. If the Administration appears to be unreasonably withholding explanations, or offering seriously conflicting explanations, then it could seem to be on the run.

That is an impression that could be all the more easily conveyed as this embassage ment follows so soon after the political rebuff of the mid-term elections.

Unless there are further revelations the present furor may well die down for a bit in a few weeks. The attention span of the American public is limited, even in its bouts of indignation, unless there is constant refuelling.

Congress will be critical test

The critical test will come when the new Congress convenes in January. At that stage it will become of great significance that the Democrats will be able to determine the agenda of committees in both houses and therefore what investigations are conducted.

The Democrats will be all the more eager to create difficulties for the Administration because they may find it hard to unite on a positive programme in other areas. Already there is talk of special congressional hearings and already the President's spokesman, Mr Larry Speakes, has been mentioning the possibility that the White House might invoke executive privilege to refuse to answer certain questions.

As President Nixon sought refuge in executive privilege during Watergate, to take that course would risk raising suspicion of dark secrets to hide a suspicion that could be more damaging than the reality. At that point the issue would be broadened beyond a single episode to more general dispute over the control of foreign policy.

To prevent this happening, to draw a line under this sorry business, will be one of the most searching tests of his political skill that Mr Reagan has faced.

Gulf war supplies

Union alleges Danish ships taking arms and military parts to Iran

From Christopher Fullett, Copenhagen

The Danish Seamen's Union claims to have firm evidence that vessels registered in Denmark have carried thousands of tons of arms and military spare parts to Iran since the Gulf war with Iraq began in 1980.

According to Mr Henrik Berlau, Secretary of the Danish Seamen's Union, about 30 Danish ships have been involved in transporting weapons to Iran on some 60 voyages during the past six years.

US plane 'took airforce spares to Tehran'

From John England, Bonn

An American cargo plane made a secret flight to Tehran last July with spare parts for the Iranian Air Force listed as hospital equipment and medical supplies, a member of the Anti-Khomeini Mujahedin Resistance Movement said here yesterday.

Mr Alaeddin Touran said the registrations of the TWA Boeing 707 had been N 545 FA, and he gave the name of the American pilot as Richard Allen. There were two British co-pilots. The plane landed at Tehran airport on July 4 amid great secrecy ordered by the Iranian Prime Minister's office.

Mr Touran said it was believed the aircraft's 23-ton cargo included sophisticated electronic equipment for airforce weapons systems.

Mr Mir-Hossein Mousavi, the Iranian Prime Minister, said the US remained the "Great Satan" to Iran, despite reports of a secret hostages-for-weapon deal between Tehran and Washington (Reuter reports from Tehran).

The arms were shipped from Mediterranean ports in countries which include Israel, Italy, Greece, Spain and France.

"Thousands of tons of arms have been freighted by Danish vessels to Iran," Mr Berlau said.

although members of our union claim to have seen American weapons in the shipments, we have no direct evidence of any link between these consignments and a possible US deal for the release of American hostages held in the Lebanon - we are pretty sure though that there is a connection."

Mr Berlau said arms traffic to Iran has intensified during the past eight months. One of the latest known arms voyages by a Danish ship involved the Morsoe, which carried 460 tons of military equipment from the Israeli Red Sea port of Eilat to Bandar Abbas in Iran late in October.

The ship left Eilat on October 22 and docked in Iran on October 30.

The union last week halted a Danish vessel in the Mediterranean because it feared for the lives of Danish seamen. The vessel was bound for Iran with a shipment of arms it took on in Italy, prompting the Italian Government to call for an investigation. The ship was diverted to Piraeus after the union was tipped off that Iraq knew of its cargo, Mr Berlau said.

The union says it has no figures as to the exact number of Danish ships involved in arms shipments to Iran, nor of the types of weapons being freighted, although unofficial sources speculate that many of the consignments include spare parts for American-built fighter aircraft in the Iranian Air Force, as well as arms from other countries.

Defiance of captured Arab sailors



Victory signs from Arab survivors of a suspected Palestinian guerrilla ship sunk last year by Israeli gunboats as they were being taken to a military court in Lod, Israel, yesterday. Four of the eight survivors were charged with attempting to attack the Defence Ministry in Tel Aviv. The others faced lesser charges. Twenty suspected guerrillas died when the ship sank.

Japanese lingerie gets the 'Lady Di' image

From David Watts, Tokyo

Young Japanese ladies will be putting on Lady Di bras, girdles and bodysuits next spring. And the company that plans to market them is blithely ignorant of the offence such exploitation of the name of a future Queen may cause at Buckingham Palace.

"We wanted something practical yet romantic and elegant. They're not lacy," said the young lady responsible for the line at Triumph International. "We're not deliberately using Princess Diana. We're not really pushing her. We were looking for a 'lady' name for our product."

The underwear lines consist of three bras, three girdles and the bodysuit all in "canebeige", with the bras in "angel blue" or "primrose pink". Triumph, a wholly-owned subsidiary of the German parent, is not unusual among Japan-based firms in imagining that any Western name in the public domain may be used freely without concerns about copyright, double entendre or offence. But were the name of a member of the Japanese royal family to be used in the same way, no doubt they would be horror-struck.

Canada renews cultural links with Russians

From John Best, Ottawa

Canada is renewing a series of scientific and cultural exchanges with the Soviet Union which were suspended after the Soviet invasion of Afghanistan seven years ago.

The Minister for External Affairs, Mr Joe Clark, said, in announcing the decision, that the Government believed people-to-people exchanges could promote international understanding and help ease East-West tensions.

He also noted that the measures invoked against Moscow over Afghanistan did not work. "One of the unhappy realities about sanctions is that they do not always have the results that you seek," Mr Clark told reporters.

"I think that clearly the cutting off of relations with the Soviet Union did not have the effect that we sought... It now makes more sense for us to put ourselves into a position where we might be able to influence their behaviour by our contacts with them."

Limited economic sanctions which Canada also imposed against the Soviet Union, including an embargo on wheat shipments, were lifted several years ago.

OAS told of growing instability

From Martha Honey, Guatemala City

Señor Bernardo Sepúlveda Amor, the Mexican Foreign Minister, has warned that Latin America and the Caribbean are facing a grave economic and political crisis.

Señor Sepúlveda, in his speech on Wednesday to the general assembly of the Organization of American States (OAS), outlined the deteriorating economy of the region and warned that the political crisis in Central America could spill over and destabilize the entire continent.

He also said the dispute between Britain and Argentina over fishing rights around the Falkland Islands had "aggravated tensions in the South Atlantic".

The Mexican minister accused Britain of adopting "unilateral methods that modify the status quo (thereby) making negotiations difficult".

He reiterated his country's support for Argentina's claim to sovereignty over the Falkland Islands and its surrounding waters.

Señor Sepúlveda began his speech by listing indicators of the economic crisis facing Latin America and the Caribbean. He said that, during the 1980s, 130 million people - or 35 per cent of the continent's population - would be living in poverty and would not be able to "satisfy their nutritional needs".

The region's standard of living in 1986, he said, was almost the same as it was in 1973.

Further, he said Latin American exports had declined by 6.5 per cent last year and the price of principal export products for the region



Señor Sepúlveda: Falklands dispute aggravated tensions, continued to fall. He said the current terms of trade for Latin America was 52.8 per cent lower than it was in 1970. In particular, he mentioned that the "... petroleum crisis has had a disastrous effect on the economies of oil-exporting countries in the region". Mexico's export earnings, for example, had declined by one-third this year.

Señor Sepúlveda said developing countries could not overcome this economic crisis until industrialized nations and international financial institutions "dismantle the protective barriers... eliminate discriminating practices and quota systems" and renegotiate payments of external debts.

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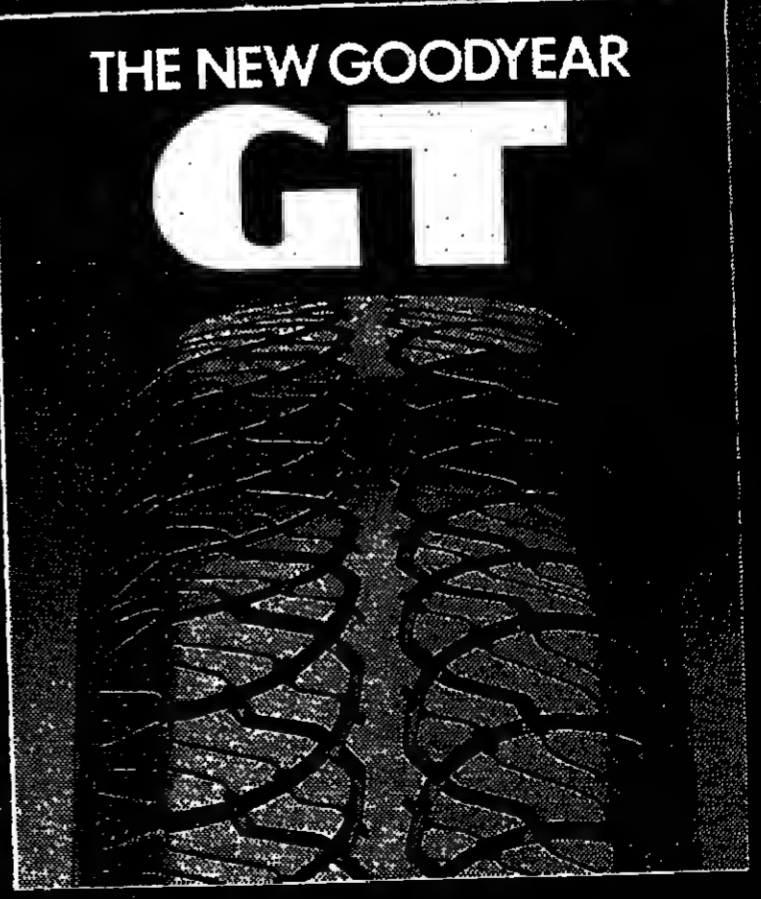
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WORLD SUMMARY

UK presses Israel on nuclear 'spy'

Jerusalem - Britain is increasing diplomatic pressure on Israel to find out exactly how Mr Mordechai Vanunu, the *Sunday Times* nuclear informant, disappeared from London and ended up in an Israeli jail (Ian Murray writes). Only two days after first seeking clarification on precisely how Mr Vanunu left British soil, Mr William Squire, the ambassador to Israel, has made a second call to that country's Foreign Ministry emphasizing the urgency of a quick and complete answer.

Faced with stonewalling by the ministry, Mr Squire had tried a back-door approach, contacting on Foreign Office instructions Mr Amnon Zichroni, the prominent left-wing lawyer defending Mr Vanunu. He was told, however, that the lawyer could say nothing. Such a request, Mr Zichroni said later, was not proper.

As one of the few lawyers given clearance to deal with security cases, Mr Zichroni has signed a declaration not to give any information. If he were to reveal anything, even to an ambassador, he would lose his livelihood.

Bishops bow to Pope

Washington - After two days of closed and heated discussion, Roman Catholic bishops have decided not to press the Vatican to reinstate fully the dissident Archbishop of Seattle, who has been stripped of most of his authority. However, they offered him moral support and "embraced him as a brother" (Michael Binyon writes).

The Vatican has expressed satisfaction with the outcome, and said the road had now been opened for efforts to heal the rift between American Catholics and the Holy See, probably including a meeting between the Pope and representatives of the US hierarchy.

Seoul dam Nuclear protest challenge

Seoul (AP) - About 100,000 people attended a rally in Seoul to protest against a hydro-electric dam that North Korea is building on a river that runs through Seoul. South Korea claims vast areas of Seoul could be flooded if large amounts of water were released deliberately or accidentally.

Sluggers at the rally also called for the eradication of communist sympathisers in the South. The Government is currently cracking down on "leftist" influences among students and dissidents.

Boat toll put at 130

Port-au-Prince (Reuter) - A Haitian coastal ferry was carrying 150 people when it capsized three days ago but only 21 bodies have so far been found, Haiti's Ministry of Information said in a communique. It said military helicopters were continuing the search for bodies.

Earlier reports, quoting a survivor, said as many as 200 may have died when the ferry Okelele sank, apparently without warning, during a 44-mile return trip to La Gonave, an island of 20,000 people, from the coastal town of Montrois. The Mayor of La Gonave told national radio that 20 survived.

Mr Cestien Sinc, who watched people board the Okelele, said the passengers included many children. It was loaded with large amounts of rice, bananas, corn and suitcases.

Guerrilla appeals

Mr Son Sann, left, the leader of an anti-Vietnamese guerrilla army in Cambodia, appealed to Western Nations and China yesterday in London to come to his aid before Vietnamese troops launch an offensive on his forces in the coming weeks (Nicholas Beeston writes).

Mr Son Sann said that his 15,000 men army was bracing itself for an aerial and ground offensive, but lacked anti-aircraft and anti-tank weapons.

Russians sure they will soon have counter to Star Wars

From Christopher Walker, Moscow

Details were published here yesterday of methods being studied by a group of leading Soviet scientists to counter the US Star Wars programme, including the deployment of decoy missiles, space mines, land-based lasers and "space shrapnel".

The official weekly *Moscow News* said the group of specialists was now convinced that the combination of active and passive counter-measures would "virtually offset the danger of military-strategic parity being upset by the deployment of SDI".

The paper published a list of "active" measures being studied, saying they involved ways of neutralizing and hitting a large anti-ballistic missile system. Two such measures were the deployment of small missiles whose principle target would be space-based anti-missile stations, and the deployment of space mines close to the stations which could then be exploded by remote-control from earth.

The paper also said that the group - known as the Committee of Soviet Scientists in Defence of Peace and Against the Nuclear Threat - was studying land-based high-capacity lasers intended to suppress space-based stations and "space shrapnel", a cloud of small objects moving at high speed in the orbit of anti-missile stations.

Moscow News claimed that this tactic would be highly effective because even a 1 oz



Chancellor Kohl of West Germany, his face blackened with coal dust, removing his safety helmet as he emerges into daylight after a visit to a mine at Haltern yesterday.

Kohl accused of lying over gaffe

From John England, Bonn

In their second attack on Herr Kohl in the Bundestag in eight days, the Opposition accused Chancellor Kohl of lying to Parliament over his gaffe in comparing Mr Mikhail Gorbachov, the Soviet leader, with Dr Josef Goebbels, the Nazi Propaganda Minister, as both being "good PR men".

Quotas, surpluses face twin assault

From Richard Owen, Strasbourg

As the European Commission in Brussels yesterday announced proposed cuts in dairy quotas in a bid to put pressure on next week's key meetings of farm and finance ministers, the European Parliament passed its own package of tough farm proposals including dairy quota cuts and a fund for getting rid of surpluses.

Both moves were described by officials as a new and deliberate push to force member states to confront the need for reform of the common agricultural policy. The combined pressure of the Parliament and the Commission is designed to force the Council of Ministers when it meets next week under British chairmanship to face up to the need for what EEC officials call "measures unpalatable to European farmers" to reduce the growing food surpluses.

Yesterday the Parliament voted for a 5 percent cut in dairy quotas by 301 votes to 41, an unusual display of unity and audacity on a show of hands, a proposal to spend £1.5 billion on disposal of food stocks.

The Parliament also voted funds for the distribution of surplus butter and beef to the needy within the EEC rather than sales to non-EEC states such as Russia.

BRUSSELS: The Commission's radical plans, which could eliminate surplus dairy and beef production, are certain to arouse the fury of 12 million farmers. But they could bring in savings of more than ECU 1.3 billion by 1989, the Agriculture Commissioner. Mr Frans Andriessen said yesterday (Reuter reports).

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of Israel and an encouragement to loathsome terrorists". Mr Sharansky then took out the newspaper advertisement to clarify his view that the PLO is "a criminal terror organization... both the purpose and the barbarous methods of this organization of cutthroats violate every human standard," he said.

"I have full confidence that the Government and security forces of Israel are waging an unrelenting battle for our protection against the scourge of the PLO. The pursuit of this goal is in no way a violation of human rights."

Mr Hussein, who saw the statement read out on television, said: "It is sad to see such a great man turned so small."

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Devastating pollution of the Rhine releases wave of recrimination across Western Europe Poison catastrophe has lesson for every nation

EEC to toughen rules on waste

From Richard Owen
Strasbourg

The European Community is to take urgent steps to tighten regulations on toxic chemical discharges after the disaster on the Rhine in Switzerland two weeks ago, Mr Stanley Clinton Davis, the EEC Environment Commissioner, announced yesterday.

Mr Clinton Davis addressed the European Parliament on the disaster, which was caused by a discharge of chemicals from the Sandoz plant near Basle into the Rhine.

He said EEC environment ministers would meet to consider joint action in 10 days time, and this would be followed by a high-level meeting in Rotterdam on December 19, to be attended by ministers from Switzerland — which is not an EEC state — and the EEC states most directly affected by the pollution, including West Germany, France and The Netherlands.

The Swiss Government has agreed to pay compensation for damage caused by the Sandoz chemical plant discharge into the Rhine. Mr Clinton Davis said. Sandoz executives had been "very contrite", but it was not enough to be sorry.

He said the EEC had adopted harmonized legislation on the handling of toxic chemicals after the Seveso disaster in Italy four years ago, but only four member states — Britain, West Germany, Denmark and France — had complied. The Commission would take legal action against the other eight to force them to observe the Seveso directive.

Mr Clinton Davis said.

He also said the Commission would be monitoring the Rhine to ensure that chemical companies did not take advantage of the Swiss incident to discharge toxic materials into the river in the hope that additional pollution would not be noticed.

Mr Clinton Davis called for a new "alarm system" to inform EEC states of environmental hazards, saying the present system had proved "grossly inadequate" in the Basle incident.

By Pearce Wright, Science Editor

The Rhine pollution is regarded by Mr William Waldegrave, the Minister for the Environment, as a European disaster with implications for every country, not just those through which the river flows.

As the president of the European environment ministers group, Mr Waldegrave has offered his West German counterpart, Herr Walter Wallmann, the opportunity to raise the issues of compensation, pollution, early warning and safeguards arising from the Rhine disaster, when the ministers meet in Brussels on November 23 to plan action over a number of pollution problems.

Swiss authorities criticized over delays in alerting other countries

Herr Wallmann has been the most outspoken critic of the Swiss authorities for delay in alerting the other Rhine countries of the discharges into the river on November 1 and over the general approach of the Swiss to environmental protection and safety standards.

An estimated half a million fish were killed as 30 tons of agricultural chemicals, mainly pesticide compounds and including a mercury-based formulation, swept from Basle, in Switzerland, through Germany and The Netherlands into the North Sea. A second smaller wave of pollution was discharged last Monday, 10 days after the first release.

The dispersal of the waste is being monitored for the British Government by vessels from the Ministry of Agriculture food and fisheries re-

search laboratory at Burnham-on-Crouch.

There is believed to be no threat to British coastal waters or North Sea fisheries, because currents from the estuary of the Rhine at the Hook of Holland sweep northwards to Norway.

Many of the pesticides based on organo-phosphorous compounds will break up very rapidly. The organo-phosphorous compounds became a preferred type for that reason because of long-term destruction to wildlife by earlier organo-chlorine versions, including materials like DDT.

The Dutch, however, are concerned about the indestructible deposits of mercury which are expected to accumulate in silt along the coast. The conditions are reminiscent of the pollution incident which revealed the extremely poisonous quality of mercury contamination 25 years ago.

The source of that mercury poison was in waste effluent discharged from a chemical works into Minamata Bay. The mercury spread from fish to fishermen and their families and scores of people suffered an agonizing and slow death.

The disaster occurred because the mercury was transformed after it was discharged into a form that was viciously toxic to people but not to shellfish and other fish.

The Rhine catastrophe began when firemen flushed the chemicals into the river while fighting a blaze at the Sandoz chemical works. The building, known as 956, was a storehouse for pesticides and other waste materials.

The discharge has undone 10 years of effort to clean up the Rhine. It followed a campaign started by the Dutch. The river had become so grossly polluted by industrial effluent in France, Germany, and Switzerland that by the time the water reached The Netherlands it could not be cleaned satisfactorily by even the most advanced water treatment plant.

An internal report prepared for the West German Chemical Industry Association shows the building had none of the equipment such as vessels to catch leaking chemicals, automatic sprinklers, automatic smoke and fire de-



Lockgates on the Rhine (left) have been opened by the Dutch authorities to let polluted water flow into the North Sea to avoid contamination of the country's inland waterway system. In West Germany, tons of dead eels killed by the polluted water are being removed from the river.



tection systems that would be necessary for such a building under the European Community protection standards.

The West German Government has published a timetable of events which it says reveals a remarkable indifference by the Swiss authorities, particularly as the countries which line the banks of the Rhine had a pollution alert agreement.

At 3 am on November 1 environment officials in Basle told West German water officials at the Rhine pollution emergency centre in Mannheim about the fire, but they saw no reason to operate the international Rhine warning system.

Seven hours later the Swiss Embassy in Bonn informed the West Germans of the incident, but still said there was no cause for alarm.

At the request of the West German Department for the Environment, officials in Mannheim tried to obtain details of the discharge from Basle, without a reply. Without waiting further, the West

Germans operated the Rhine alert.

At 9.30 pm officials in Basle told the Mannheim centre the pollution was worse than they thought.

It was November 2 before the official procedure, in the form of an alarm telex, was sent by the Swiss authorities.

Netherlands diverted chemical flow to quickest route to the North Sea

At a meeting of the International Rhine Commission in Colmar, France, on November 3, the Swiss delegates were still unable to say what materials had gone down the river.

On November 4 a list of the contents of building 956 was teleaxed to Bonn.

On November 7 the Swiss set a second alert after a query from water authorities from Baden-Württemberg, who had detected a second pulse of pollution.

By this time Dutch water engineers were working against the clock to divert a tide of pollution sweeping down the Rhine to prevent it spreading into rivers and canals when it reached The Netherlands on Sunday, November 9.

They used locks on Holland's water network to create a channel to funnel the waste along the swiftest route to the North Sea, preventing it spreading inland.

Mr Arnold Braun, chief engineer in the Dutch province of Gelderland, which borders West Germany, said the main aim was to direct the pollution as quickly as possible to the North Sea to prevent it reaching the IJsselmeer and vital reservoirs.

He estimated it would take four to five days, even through the fastest route, to pass into the sea. Water authorities were told to stop drawing supplies from the Rhine on Sunday and farmers were advised to move livestock from its banks.

The contamination from the first wave of pollution was gradually dispersing into the Rhine estuary yesterday.

Bonn's reaction to disaster 'too slow'

From John England, Bonn

The Rhine pollution row swamped into the Bonn Parliament yesterday when the opposition parties charged Herr Walter Wallmann, the West German Minister for the Environment, with not reacting quickly enough to the disaster.

Herr Klaus Matthiesen, a Social Democrat, and Herr Wallmann's counterpart in the state of North Rhine-Westphalia, said Bonn had been late in sending his state an evaluation of the poisonousness of the chemicals that had been washed into the river.

Describing the pollution as an environmental catastrophe, Herr Matthiesen called for improvements in national and international Rhine alarm systems and an overhaul of the laws on the manufacture and storage of chemicals.

Herr Harald Schäfer, the

spokesman of the Social Democrats (SPD) on the environment, argued that all improvements in safety at firms working with dangerous substances would not, in the end, be sufficient.

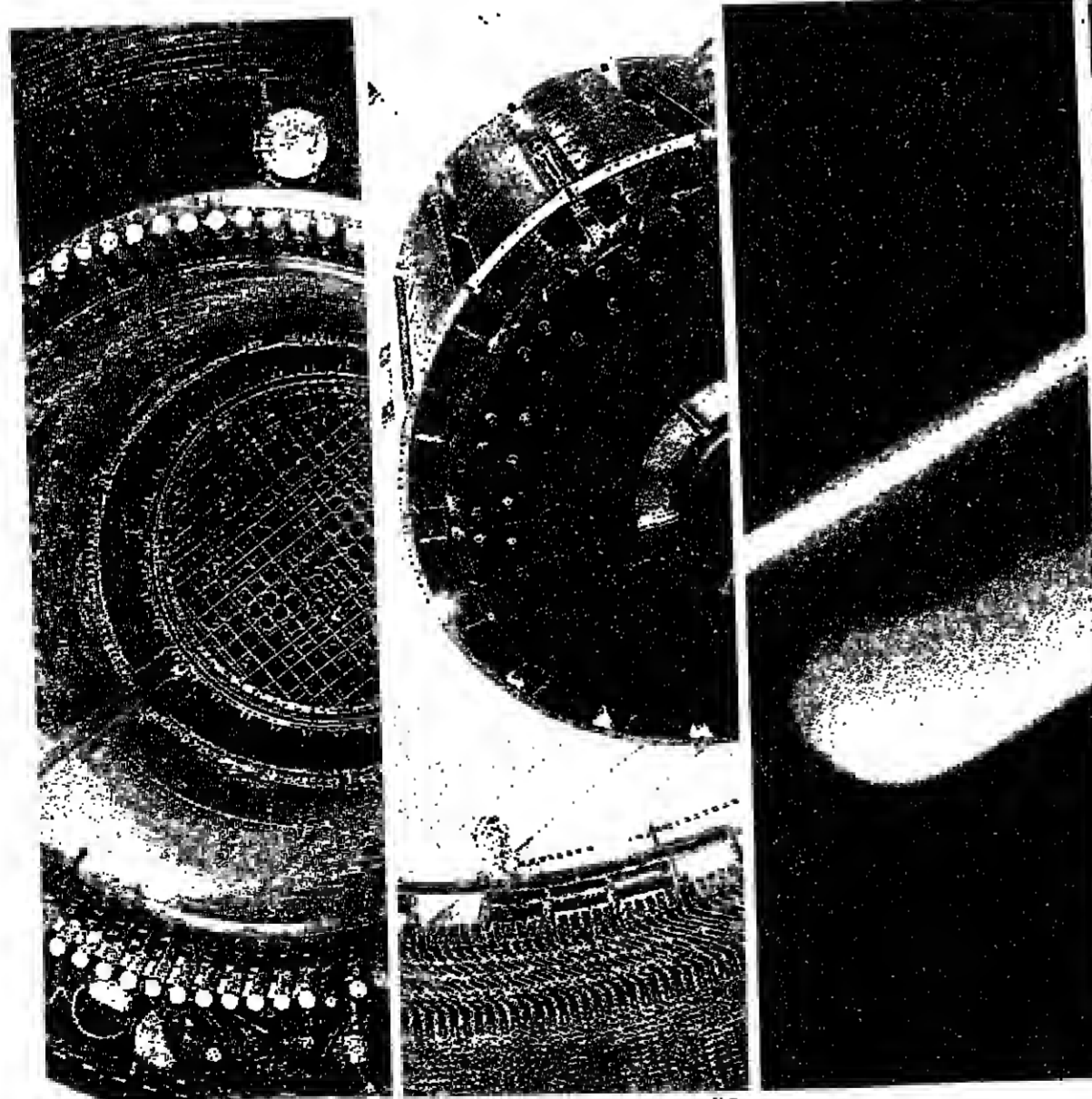
Herr Wallmann, making a government statement on the consequences of the Rhine pollution, rejected the opposition attack and pointed out that West Germany had put the inter-national Rhine alarm plan into action within a few hours of the fire at the Sandoz plant in Basle.

Reporting on his meeting in Zurich on Wednesday with the environment ministers of other countries along the Rhine, Herr Wallmann said Switzerland was prepared to deal in a spirit of good will with the questions of compensation and restoration of the Rhine to its former ecological condition.



Mr Waldegrave, ministers to discuss implications

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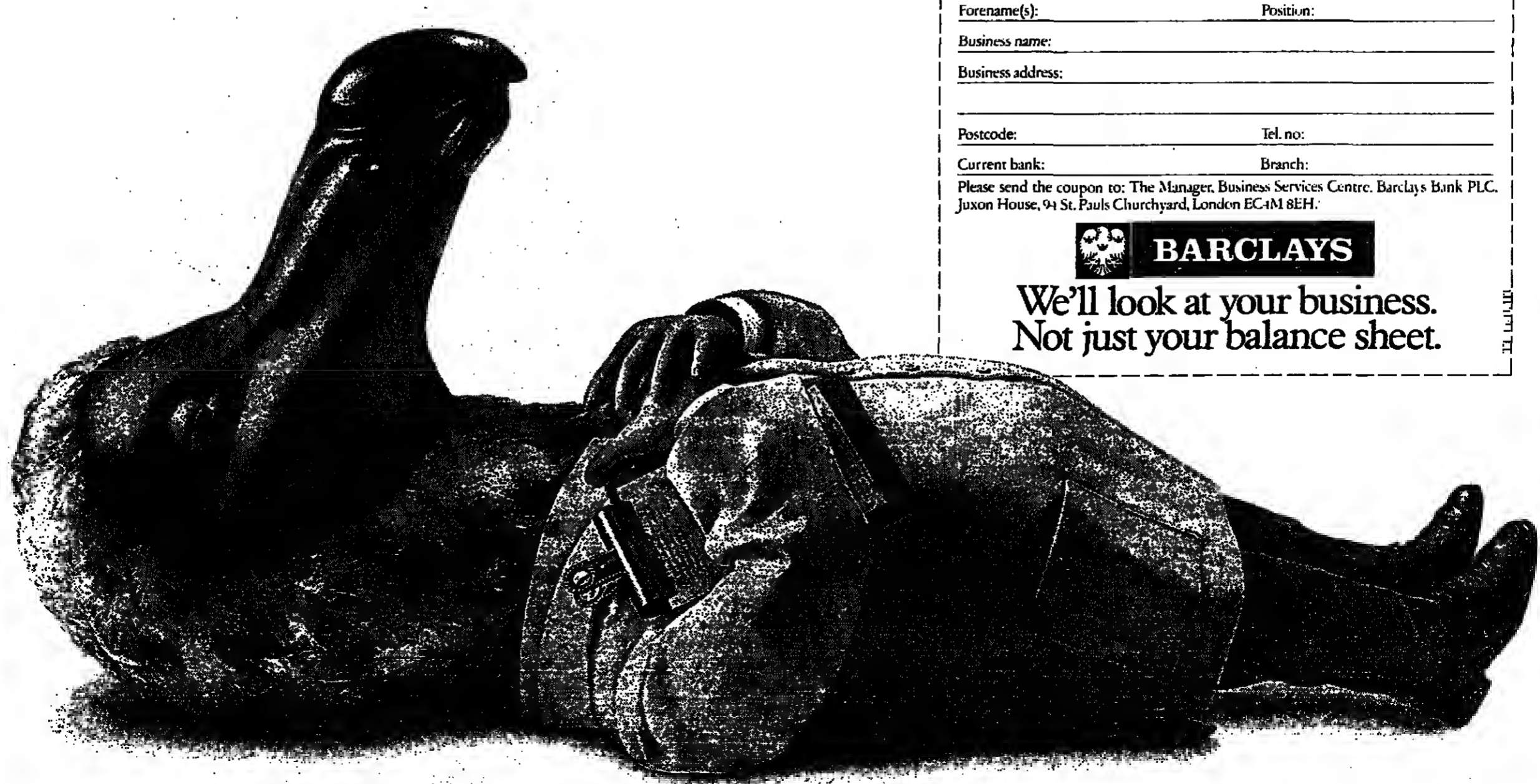
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Apartheid crumbles in South Africa

Whites turn blind eye as other races move into segregated areas

From Michael Hornsby, Johannesburg

About a quarter of the people living in three densely populated districts in central Johannesburg, legally reserved for white residents, are Coloureds (mixed-race), Indians or black Africans, it was revealed here yesterday.

This is the intriguing finding of an investigation by two researchers at the Rand Afrikaans University here into the theory and practice of the Group Areas Act, the law which provides for compulsory racial separation of residential areas.

It shows strikingly how the Act, one of the remaining pillars of the apartheid system, is being openly flouted in several of South Africa's bigger cities, with what would appear to be at least the passive acquiescence of the authorities.

The two researchers estimate that in the Hillbrow, Berea and Joubert Park districts of Johannesburg some 65,000 whites are living alongside 9,000 Coloureds, 6,000 Indians and 5,000 black Africans.

In another officially whites-only district, Mayfair, which despite its name is among the poorest areas in the city, 6,320 white residents have been overtaken by 5,600 Indians and 1,000 Coloureds and blacks, whose numbers are growing steadily.

Hillbrow, a square mile or so of restaurants, nightclubs, bars, sleazy hotels and shabby high-rise blocks of flats, has always had a fairly Bohemian reputation, and is about the nearest Johannesburg and Calvinist South Africa can offer to a Soho or a Greenwich Village.

Here prostitutes of all shades ply their illicit trade, gym clubs offer at a price such stimulating extras as "pelvic massage", and all-race discos have long flouted the once-rigid but now fast-crumbing taboo on mixed dancing.

For jaded businessmen there are lunch bars where, as they eat, they can watch bored white girls stripping down to a G-string and nipple caps, the maximum exposure permitted by law, or wrestling with each other semi-naked in tubs of mud.

Maoy Coloureds and Indians and a growing number of blacks can afford accommodation in such areas and are prepared to put up with racketeer landlords and the risk of eviction for the advantage of living in the centre of town, rather than in some outlying township ghetto.

Racially-mixed areas have also developed in Durban, Cape Town and Port Elizabeth. A few wealthy blacks and Indians have even moved into such elite white northern suburbs of Johannesburg as Houghton and Sandton. Unless the neighbours complain, they are unlikely to be moved.

It is still government policy that the Group Areas Act, which also segregates hospitals and schools, should remain the bedrock of South African social life. But President F.W. Botha indicated at a ruling National Party congress in East London on October 1 that there could be some tinkering at the margins.

One possibility, he suggested, would be to allow blacks (of all shades) who could afford to do so to move into the wealthiest white areas, on the argument that, as they would be very few in

number, they would pose no threat to white living standards there.

A report on the future of the Group Areas Act is expected later this month from the President's Council, an all-race advisory body. It will not recommend outright abolition, but may suggest legalising the existing "grey areas", as the zones of *de facto* mixing are called.

At the same East London congress, Mr Botha also asserted that he had never regarded the related Separate Amenities Act, which segregates many public facilities to buses and trains, as "practical legislation".

Already the Separate Amenities Act is riddled with exemptions and segregation at the social level is steadily breaking down.

Earlier this week Durban became the second South African city after Cape Town to desegregate its buses. But elsewhere the colour bar is still the rule, as it is generally on trains, though some mixed coaches have been introduced in the Cape Town area. Many beaches are still segregated.

In most city centres, cinemas are now open to all races, though few blacks can afford the prices, and there is also the difficulty of getting back home to Soweto or wherever at night time after the show.

Hotels and restaurants in most urban centres are no longer prohibited from admitting people of all races, but equally they are still within their legal rights in turning away customers solely on grounds of colour.

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James Lloyd, with champagne and roses, posing beside his biplane at Long Beach, California, after the completion of an eight-week re-creation of the first transcontinental flight in 1911. He left Hoboken, New Jersey, on September 17.

Zia claims an Indian build-up

From A Correspondent Karachi

Pakistan's President Zia-ul-Haq has ruled out the possibility of an end to hostilities between India and Pakistan, after the deployment of Indian troops on the borders.

Addressing a press conference at Karachi airport on Wednesday, on his return from Saudi Arabia, General Zia confirmed news reports that India has amassed troops on Pakistani borders to "test unprovoked level". He said the present large-scale concentrations of Indian troops had not been seen before, and to some extent were rare even by European standards.

The President admitted that relations between the two nations had become strained, particularly after December 15 1985, for "unknown reasons".

Textile Minister, Mr Muhammad Khan Ishaq, has been put into an embarrassing position by reports of his alleged involvement in the textile quota scandal, which resulted in the sacking of the federal Commerce Minister, Mr Mohyuddin Baluch, on November 11 (A Correspondent writes).

Media reports here suggest that the former Commerce Minister had been made a scapegoat after the disclosure that a textile export quota was allegedly wrongfully allocated on the recommendation of the Commerce Minister, and some of the ruling Muslim League members of Parliament and senators.

Aquino leaves Japan with hint of Cabinet reshuffle

From David Watts, Tokyo

Mr Ongpin had been given assurances that the amount of regular development assistance would be increased to £0.04 billion and £0.06 billion, with co-financing of the World Bank recovery programme would be viewed with sympathy.

Tokyo also made a commitment to assist with the rehabilitation of two steel mills and the modernization of the port of Manila to the tune of £0.08 billion.

Given that the Japanese pledges do not have to go through the equivalent of a hostile Congress, as did earlier aid pledges from the US, most of them are likely to be carried out. Mr Nakasone committed himself to dispatch special missions to the Philippines to examine economic co-operation.

There is less certainty, however, about the size of pledges from the business community to import more Filipino goods, and the willingness of the Japanese Government to deal with specific complaints — such as the importing of

Philippine bananas in Japanese boxes, whereupon customs duties are also levied on the box.

Mrs Aquino told a press conference before leaving Japan: "The assistance given this year far exceeds the assistance given last year to the Philippines. It is a very clear message to the Filipino people that the Japanese Government strongly supports the Aquino Government and looks on the Aquino Government in a much better light than my predecessor's government".

She refused to comment on reports that in her discussions with Emperor Hirohito he had expressed sympathy for the suffering caused during the Second World War. She said, however, that her two meetings with the Emperor had been the most memorable of the visit. "I think His Majesty is just such a kind and a great man. In a sense he reminded me of my father, who also was very kind to me".

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Mr Olalia was chairman of the Kilusang Mayo Uno (May 1 Movement), the country's biggest and most militant trade union federation.

The Philippines most prominent trade union leader, Mr Rolando Olalia, and his driver, who disappeared on Wednesday night, were found brutally murdered yesterday in a Manila funeral parlour.

Pobee said the bodies bore multiple gunshot and stab wounds. The eyes of Mr Olalia, aged 50, were gouged out, newspaper was stuffed in his mouth and his hands tied by a belt in front of him.

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Japanese miners out over pit closures

From David Watts, Tokyo

Thousands of coal miners went on a one-day national strike yesterday to protest against a proposal which would halve the number of working pits and do away with 10,000 jobs.

The National Union of Mine Workers withdrew its 11,000 members at 10 mines on the northern island of Hokkaido and in Kyushu, the southern island, but a large rally in Hokkaido marking the day of protest was ignored by NHK, the Japanese equivalent of the BBC, in its evening news bulletin.

As one of the strikers observed gloomily amid a crowd of miners with red bandannas of protest around their foreheads: "I don't think anybody is listening." The last miners' strike was four years ago over the closure of a Hokkaido mine. Since then the union has lost 4,000 members.

Later this month the Government of Mr Yasuhiro Nakasone will receive a report which will recommend drastic reductions in the coal industry in Japan during the next five years. It will recommend that annual coal output be cut from 16 million tons to about 10 million tons by 1991. The closures are to be phased in to lessen the impact, but about half the mines will go.

The report is a radical turnaround for the Government, which has subsidized the coal industry heavily since the war.

It follows a recommendation made by a commission chaired by a former governor of the Bank of Japan, Mr Haruo Maekawa, which handed the Government the Maekawa Report on the restructuring of Japanese industry in the spring.

Such restructuring of the coal industry was the one specific recommendation of the report, but it may well herald similar changes in other industries which are now in trouble, in particular steel and shipbuilding. Earlier this week Japan's major steel-makers reported their heaviest first half losses for 40 years.

The rationalization of the coal industry is good news for the steel firms but it is not as helpful as hoped for an industry which is obliged to buy largely domestic coal at almost three times the price of imports. From Australia and elsewhere. The steel firms had been pressing for parity between the price of domestic and imported coal.

The miners will no doubt be back at work today after their day of protest, taking with them worries about finding new jobs in areas of the country where new opportunities are few.

Hawke's card could force election

From Stephen Taylor Sydney

The Hawke Government's insistence on introducing an Australian identity card could trigger an early election.

The issue of the Australia Card, which the Government says would cost about \$1.5 billion (£50 million) a year to evade taxes, has come to a head with the confirmation by the Liberal and National parties of their opposition, on the ground that it will interfere with individual privacy.

The Democrats, who hold the balance in the Senate and usually support the Government, are similarly opposed.

Mr Bob Hawke, the Prime Minister, said that, if the enabling legislation were defeated, it would be taken back to the House of Representatives.



Mr Hawke: Intending to trap the tax dodgers to the Senate until it was passed, but that would need support from at least four opposition senators, which at present appears unlikely.

Opponents say the card smacks of Big Brother government.

The Government insists that the system will contain protection against abuses, and points to European countries, such as West Germany, France, Switzerland and Belgium, which already have identity documents.

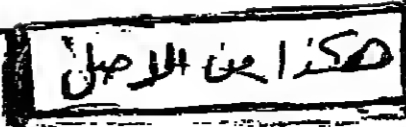
Tax experts say that over a 10-year period the card would save enough to enable a tax cut of between 10 per cent and 15 per cent.

As proposed, the Australia Card would carry the name of the holder, an identity number, photograph and signature and would have to be produced on opening a bank account, starting a job, buying property or claiming social security benefits.

ENTERTAINMENTS

A large section of the page containing numerous small advertisements for various entertainment venues, including theatres, concert halls, and galleries. Each ad typically lists the name of the venue, the title of the performance or exhibition, and the dates and times. Some ads also include brief descriptions or reviews. The text is dense and organized into columns.

THE ARTS



Black art in politics

In Full Circle (BBC2), television emerged as a black art, only marginally understood by politicians, but avidly invoked by them to cast a short-term spell on the electorate.

This concluding programme on Number 10's relationship with the media - very much a medium of impression rather than content - began with Harold Wilson's pious imitation of President Kennedy.

Like Kennedy, Wilson believed his television image was the key to success. And so, to begin with, it was. However, when the wind changed, there he was, puffing out complaints of "complete bias" and installing a political chairman, Lord Hill, to steer the BBC.

But such are the satanic, magical powers swirling about Broadcasting House, that after a couple of seasons, Lord Hill himself "went native". In the programme's most telling remark, he explained how politicians "regard something which is impartial as biased against them - and something biased in their favour as beautifully impartial".

One Prime Minister "much too sensible" to have a public row with the BBC was Edward Heath. Looking very relaxed at last, he admitted "I was never able to project myself on television".

The result was a proliferation of witchdoctors who helped sweep him and then his Tory successor to power.

Coached by a former adviser to Billy Graham, Margaret Thatcher has learnt much since her 1960 television debut in which she comes across as Vera Lynn in a brace.

Yet, as with Harold Wilson, there is a smell of change in the air. White Magic is now seen as Black. "Selective seeing is believing", Mrs Thatcher complains, attacking the medium for the very way in which she has been advised to manipulate it.

Not that there was a whiff of bias in Michael Cockerell's quick-moving survey. Admittedly no other voice could make "Wembley: the 1983 General Election" sound as if he was visiting a casualty ward, but it was a voice which surgically removed all sorts of superstitions, left and right.

In his assiduous avoidance of politics, Cockerell did however give the impression that any election's outcome was dependent less on policy than on how well the policy-makers did on screen. What he failed to stress was that if politicians have become more adept at broadcasting their message, the public has become just as skilled in deciding whether to believe it or not.

Far from being a magic mirror or an alchemist's stove, television remains a magnifying glass which seizes on panic or confidence and then transmits it large to every home.

One of the most over-inflated spectacles at present is that hangover from the Wembley Tory shindig, Kenny Everett. Camp, manic, unfunny, he more and more resembles, in Clive James's phrase, a rat peering through a lavatory brush. In Barry Cryer and Neil Shand, his Television Show (BBC1) also depends on scriptwriters who could wipe the smile off the Mona Lisa.

Brass Tacks (BBC2) investigated the government's policy of releasing mentally handicapped patients into a community that turns out to be less than caring. It was an important, understated programme that raised issues that must be addressed urgently if we are not to suffer the "catastrophic" result of the same experiment in America.

Nicholas Shakespeare

Advertisement for Smooth Talk (PG) by Joyce Chopra. Includes showtimes: Starts FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER, 2.30 4.35 RENOUR, 6.45 9.00. Telephone 837 8402.

More agonies of the awkward age

CINEMA

Smooth Talk (15) Renoir, Bloomsbury

Extremities (18) Warner West End; Cannons Haymarket, Oxford Street

Saving Grace (PG) Cannons Haymarket, Chelsea, Tottenham Court Road

Big Trouble in Little China (PG) Leicester Square Theatre

Running Scared (15) Plaza

True Stories (PG) Warner Leicester Square; Cannon Tottenham Court Road

Sharp falls a little flat

THEATRE

Country Dancing The Other Place, Stratford

Even to those like me who know nothing else about him, Cecil Sharp is revered for having saved a mass of English folk music from falling into oblivion.

What Country Dancing does go to do is at once more and less than that. Instead of documentation, it retraces a century of musical turmoil up to 1914 through the lives of a group of villagers.

It does not tell you much about history, or even about the personalities of the characters. And the attempt to combine public and private story-telling leaves a string of false clues.

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Most current American films seem to be about the teenagers of middle-class middle America - not surprisingly since it is they who make up the biggest part of the audience.

Connie is a pain in the neck - lazy and sulky at home, trying out lurid make-up and tart clothes, making a nuisance of herself in the shopping malls with her equally screechy girlfriends.

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Extremities deals more melodramatically with sexual peril. Adapted from William Mastrosimone's stage play, it relates how a woman attacked in her own home by a homicidal rapist succeeds in overpowering him and submitting him to the same routine of terror which he has already inflicted upon her.

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Farrah Fawcett, who played the role on the stage, marvellously sustains both the terror and the bysterical anger of the woman. James Russo, also from the stage production, is no stock villain, but a personable young man who gives a chilling plausibility to the pathological liar and killer.

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Teenage wit and wisdom: Laura Dern, left, and Margaret Welch as girlfriends Connie and Laura in Smooth Talk

respect to the depressed population. It might be objected that his mighty task and all the dramatic and sentimental circumstances associated with it are improbably accomplished in the space of a week; but after all God did much more in seven days, and literal realism is none of Young's purpose here.

DANCE

Mayerling Covent Garden

Wednesday's performance by the Royal Ballet brought together in the central roles of Mayerling three dancers all new to their parts this season and appearing together for the first time.

Antony Dowson had the hardest job. Crown Prince Rudolf is a long role and he was precipitated into it at short notice. He did pretty well - in the circumstances, impressively well.

Fiona Chadwick presents Mary Vetsera as a romantically besotted girl, who throws herself into her lover's nasty games with more enthusiasm than understanding.

John Percival

CONCERTS

Leipzig Gewandhaus/Masur Festival Hall

Such is the accumulated distinction of the Leipzig Gewandhaus Orchestra's 200-year history that the ensemble could probably claim "special links" with nearly every Austro-German composer to its repertoire.

The evening's most unusual aspect was Masur's oddly dour pacing of the Mendelssohn first movement, with the woodwind stirring their repeated chords rather self-effacingly and the string (one milked unashamedly, admittedly) to gorgeous effect.

Richard Morrison

CONCERTS

Edellion Quartet Wigmore Hall

Wednesday night was the centrepiece of the Edellion's three recitals to mark the tenth anniversary of the death of Britten, and it was worthy of the occasion.

The second Britten Quartet, the 1945 work in C, is for a start particularly well suited to the Edellion's performing character - and they to it.

Hilary Finch

Large advertisement for The Rape of Lucretia by Benjamin Britten. Includes cast list: Jean Rigby, Russell Smythe, Anthony Rolfe Johnson, Richard Van Allan, Kathryn Harries, Alan Opie, Anne-Marie Coates, Cathryn Pope. Conductor Lionel Friend. Designer Russell Cragg. Lighting Matthew Richardson. Standby £7.50 from 6.45pm. English National Opera, London Coliseum, St Martin's Lane, London WC2.

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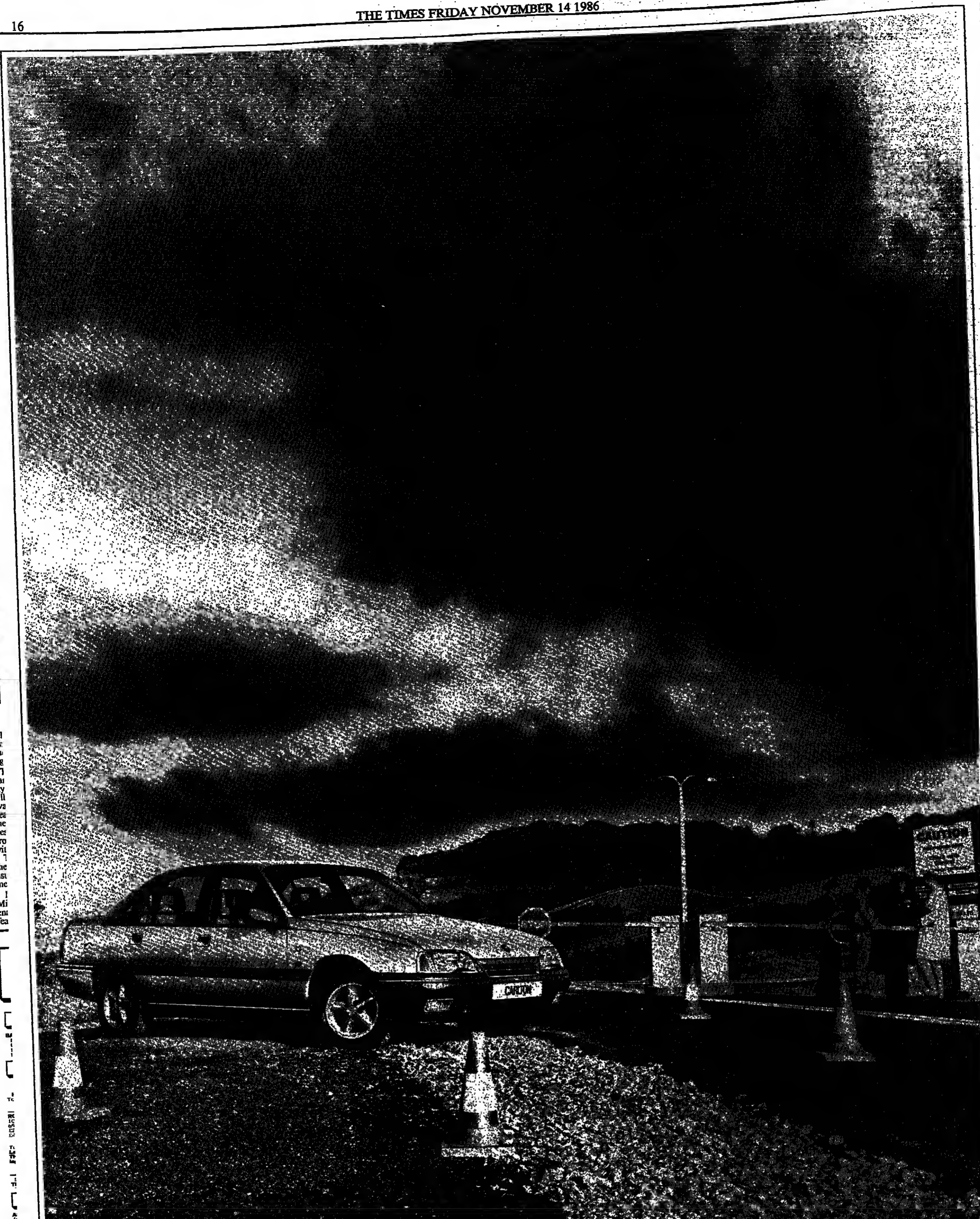
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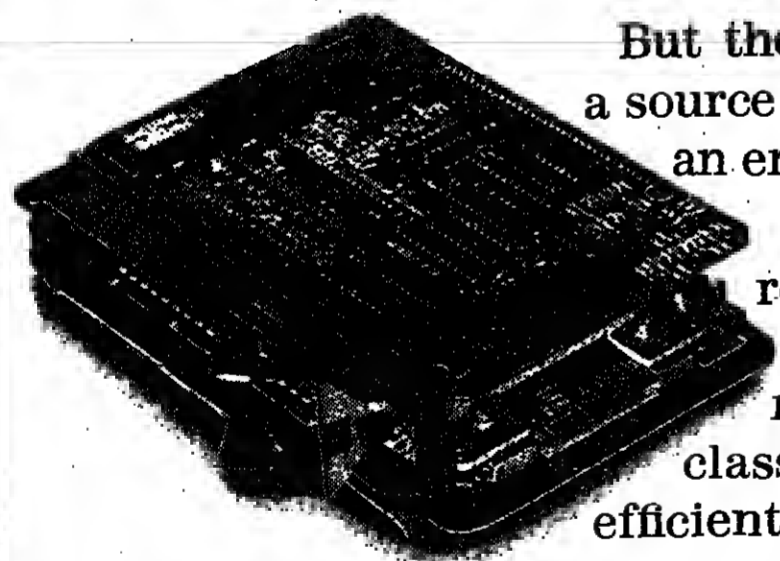
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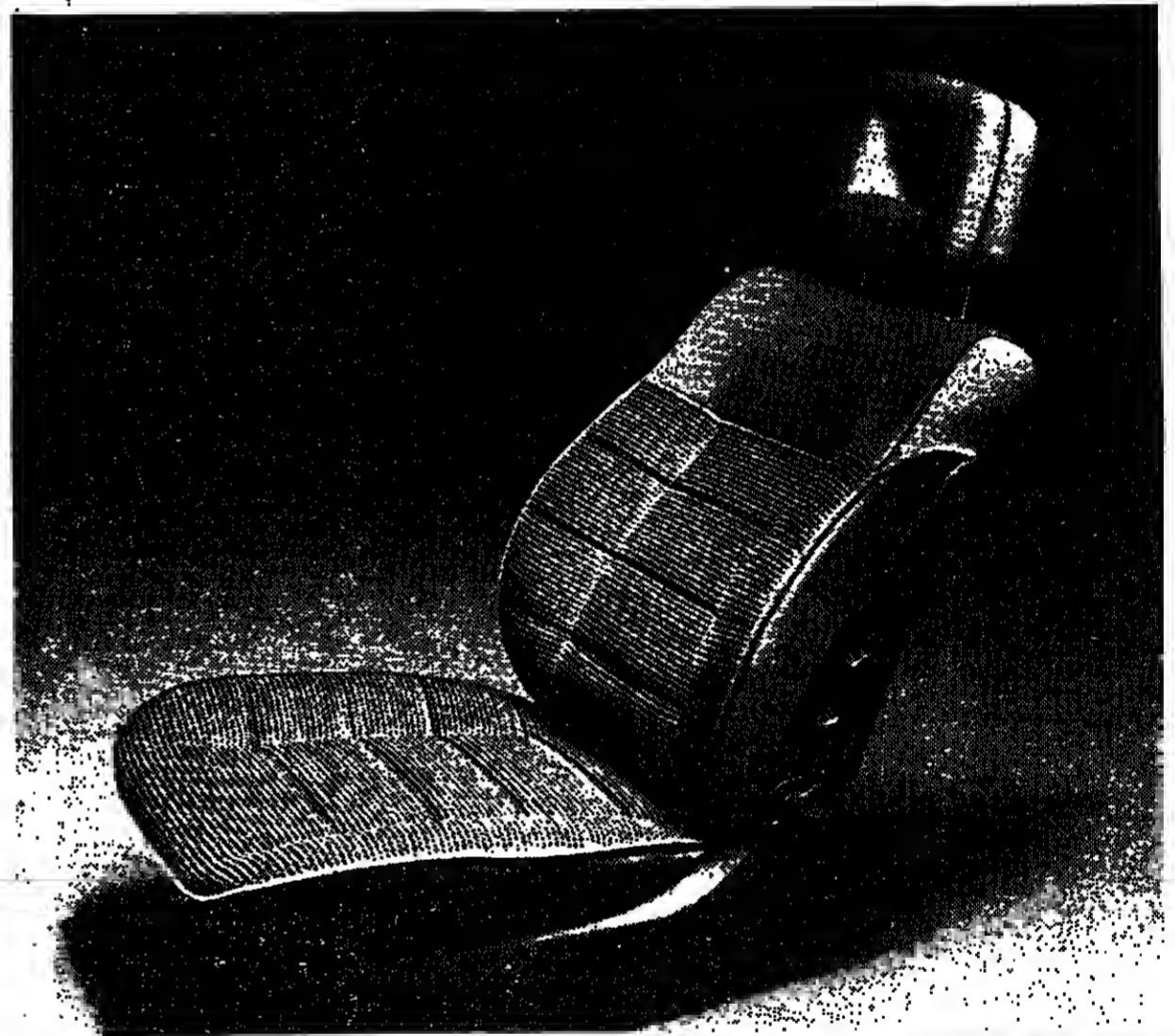
There is a new engine management system on the 2.0i models. (The very latest state-of-the-art Bosch

ML4 Motronic shown below left.)

There are new brakes. (Discs all round. And the option of the new second generation ABS.)

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The hi-tech force is with you



THE THIN BLUE LINE

British scientists are perfecting 'computer police' which will bring radical change to the way criminals are pursued and crimes proven. In America, advanced

technology is already used. In the last part of our series, Stewart Tendler examines the detective's new hardware

High on a Hertfordshire hill, in a laboratory with a boundary of double-stranded DNA...

to the third helmet design in five years. The threat factor is constantly advancing - at Broadwater Farm Estate, Tottenham, last year guns were fired at the police lines for the first time in a modern riot...

On a 25-acre site at Sandridge near St Albans, the scientists, working with other government departments and private enterprise, are shaping a future in which the police will be better protected, better connected and better informed.

Researchers are looking at materials to protect police stations and vehicles from bullets, bombs and even a SAM 7 missile. Airport counters can be protected against terrorist attack with fibreglass resins.

The United States, liaising with Britain, is moving towards the thinking computer and the day when the detective becomes a 3 1/2-inch floppy disc. New techniques mean genetic fingerprinting has arrived. Real fingerprints can be lifted from more and more surfaces. Police will soon be summoning suspects' photographs from a computerized archive the size of a small filing cabinet.

Since the Brighton bombing in 1984, work has intensified on finding better ways to detect explosives or bombs. At Sandridge, the equipment under assessment includes a Ministry of Defence backpack which sniffs gas traces of chemicals, such as nitro-glycerine, and identifies them. It can detect one part in a trillion, the equivalent of a bottle of orange juice poured into Lake Windermere.

On the streets, work is being directed and monitored by command and control systems and advanced telecommunications. Constables can carry computer terminals the size of slim briefcases, linked by radio to computer records.

Police have already been trained in the use of back-scatter devices which can reveal hidden objects, by bombarding an area with neutron rays which respond to hydrogen in a mass. It was Sandridge which developed the "hoolivan" to combat football hooligans with video and stills cameras equipped with 300 to 900mm lenses for identifying offenders. In the laboratories at Sandridge, photographs and tape recordings can be brought up to high levels of clarity.

It took more than 30 years for the Victorian policeman to move from a top hat and rattle to a cork helmet and whistle. The telephone came into police use in the early 1900s, the radio car in the 1920s, the personal radio in the 1960s and the computer a decade later.

The acoustic laboratories have prepared prototypes for the tape recorders to be installed in police stations nationwide. Trials, which incorporate tamper-proof mechanisms, alarms, a timing device and unobtrusive microphones, have shown an increase in guilty pleas, thus reducing court time.

In the 1980s the rate of technological change has accelerated, encouraged by the drive for efficiency, the seemingly unstoppable rise in crime and the uninspiring level of clear-up rates. Policemen are expensive assets in need of good management, often in tandem with computerization. More men on the beat means more megabytes at the station.

A computer programme has been sent out to every force in the country which will evaluate the facilities they propose to use for recording interviews. The programme will make recommendations on how to meet required standards and at what cost.

Nothing provides a clearer visual image of the rate of change in the past five years than the developments in dealing with major public disorder. The police have gone from dustbin covers, cricket boxes and shiploads to flameproof overalls, riot helmets and shields.

By the next century, interviews may not only be recorded acoustically but also on video tape so that the full effect of the interview becomes apparent and further



No hiding place: Inspector Terry Cox demonstrates information retrieval in a mock inquiry. Inset: scientists can make "prints" from skin or blood. The "suspect" is a police model

reduces the risk of a challenge in court. But the journey from the scene of the crime to the interview room can be a long one for the detective pressured for results, starved of manpower and flooded with information. The scene-of-crime officer and the forensic scientist will help to ease his frustration.

In a few years the scene-of-crime man will arrive with a portable laser unit to search for fingerprints now only detectable under expensive, laboratory conditions. He will be able to take prints off rough surfaces, using a technique involving the vapour from superglue, and develop prints from fabrics such as silk using sulphur dioxide infused with a low level of radioactivity.

The time may be approaching when members of the forensic science services' research department take prints from skin, which will bring about a radical alteration in investigations of murder, rape and assault. It is now possible to take a blood or body fluid sample such as semen, identify the gene structure as individually as a fingerprint and eventually match the sample with a suspect.

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Field trials have just begun in Hertfordshire with PROD (photographic retrieval from optical disc), a computer system for storing and retrieving

photographs of criminals. Developed at Sandridge, the system uses a video camera which records images on to an optical disc. PROD will scan its files for criminals which match a witness's statement, checking through descriptions such as age groups and sex. A VDU shows the colour photograph of a named person within seven seconds. Black and white copies can be made by laser printer so that photo-

Tracing a killer in minutes

Today's low-status, low-paid, ill-educated, ill-trained American cop - it is said in the United States that anybody can become a policeman - is giving way to a highly sophisticated breed of supercop. Within 25 years, policing is going to become a profession. A professional police officer is likely to need a BA or an MA degree in the social sciences. And he will need to understand computers.

The police, like crime and criminals, are going hi-tech. One of the most far-reaching advances currently sweeping American police forces is a new kind of fingerprint computer, which could revolutionize law enforcement.

One of the most notorious killers in America was identified three minutes after California's new automated fingerprint identification system was switched on: it matched a print lifted from a car in Los Angeles to one taken from a young driver and on September 2, 1985, the "Night Stalker", a mass killer who had terrorized the city for seven months, was arrested.

Computers have been used in fingerprint detection work since 1976, when the FBI began converting 17 million prints to digital form. But the matching process was slow and unreliable, until a computer combining custom-made silicon chips with a new technique for analysing minutiae was produced.

In the Night Stalker case the computer compared the print of the suspected killer with 380,000 stored in its memory. It came up with the names of 10 people whose prints most closely resembled the killer's: at the top of the list, with a probability rating four times as high as that of the nearest contender, was Richard Ramirez.

The implications are immense. The Los Angeles police alone have 4,350 unsolved murders, 2,500 unsolved rapes, and 20,000 unsolved burglaries. "There are a lot of people walking the streets out there who think they are home free," says Lieutenant Richard Olson of the Orange County Police. "Once we get these computer systems working together, they are going to be in for a surprise."

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A solemn blot on the humorscape

Yesterday farceur Tom Sharpe found honour at a lunch in Paris. It was not much of a laugh



Tom Sharpe: a serious rattle from the Parisian cutlery

The Americans and the French take their humor (and I do mean the non-u variety) so seriously that it is hard not to laugh at them when they are hard at work extolling its moral virtues to the rest of the world.

APHIA holds no formal functions whatsoever, apart from this lunch; indeed, it boasts the fact that it has no offices, holds no meetings and keeps no minutes. The only proof of its existence is the lunch.

The occasion is a parody of the Nobel Prize (this bunch refers to its own offering as the Noble). After the presentation yesterday, Barbara Scott, an expatriate Englishwoman living in Paris, stood up and sang the following words, accompanying herself on a guitar.

was announced by Ziegler that "all previous statements are inoperative"; US defence secretary Caspar Weinberger, for disclaiming that his defence policy was limited to nuclear war; Billy Carter, for his overzealousness in promoting his private interests while his brother Jimmy struggled to promote the public interest; Milton Friedman for his remarks in 1974, the time of the first oil shock, to the effect that he would not worry about high prices - "OPEC will promptly fall apart".

In future years APHIA has decided not to disclose the winner of its booby prize in advance of the luncheon. APHIA itself was the brainchild of three highly serious Americans living in Paris: Alfred E Davidson, John E Fobes, and Richard H Moore, who had the help of the celebrated English actor Peter Ustinov. The acting director-general of the World Health Organization, Dr Mahler, sent a telegramme describing humour as "essential for good health"; shortly afterwards the then director-general of Unesco, Mr Fobes, cabled a message to the effect that "humour has educational dimensions."

Former winners of the APHIA prize include John Kenneth Galbraith, the Canadian economist, and Ustinov; a gold plated tennis racket was awarded to George Mikes, and a first edition of Mark Twain's Huckleberry Finn was given to Laurence Peter, the originator of the Peter Principle, which dictates that a man is promoted to the level of his least competence;

Advertisement for SATURDAY Portfolio Gold, featuring a £12,000 prize and a photo of a woman. Includes text about 'Around Miss World' and a coupon to request a copy of The Times.

Advertisement for CONCISE CROSSWORD NO 1106, including a crossword puzzle grid and a list of clues for across and down words.

Building on Suzy's memory

The still unexplained disappearance of Suzy Lamplugh (left) has led her parents to create a trust aimed at increasing women's self-awareness. Libby Purves, invited to chair the first seminar after her *Times* article "What's so special about Suzy?", reports on the meeting

The iron calm of Diana Lamplugh is extraordinary. Less than four months ago her daughter Suzy vanished during the course of a routine appointment with a client of the estate agency where she worked. The police search has now been scaled down, and after several unpleasant calls out to check the identity of other bodies, Suzy's family still has no idea of her whereabouts and no illusions about the things that might have happened to women who have disappeared.

Yet this week there was her mother, on a platform at the Royal Society of Medicine, with her husband and other daughters in the audience, talking calmly about the missing girl and even dispassionately analysing the possible lack of self-awareness which led to trouble. "Suzy was lively, attractive," she said, "especially appealing when she was excited. When she was trying to sell something she would be very attractive - but still have no idea of how a man might react to her. She was doing a job, without regard for the fact of being female."

The audience listened attentively. This was a unique seminar, set up by Mrs Lamplugh as a sounding-board before the official launch, next month, of the Suzy Lamplugh Trust. She has conceived the trust as an educational service, which would research the best ways of protecting women in the workplace without encroaching on their liberty and equality.

It would also distribute teaching aids to schools and colleges concerning something she calls "self-awareness", not self-defence in a crude, physical sense, but knowing how to make yourself less vulnerable. She has also a fighting light in her eye when she talks of employers who use attractive young women in selling roles yet "have a vested interest in keeping their employees unaware of the risk."

With this in mind, she and her collaborators - many of whom she met during her own career as a teacher and writer on exercise and relaxation - set up the seminar. There were about a hundred people there, medical and psychological, police, professional and personnel officers from all over the country. The meeting was not intended for the press and the only reason I can report, with Diana Lamplugh's blessing, is that I was the chairman. I had been

invited to chair it because the approved of an article I wrote about the underlying public attitudes to the Suzy case. Beneath the slightly academic tone of the meeting lay the consciousness of certain savage, uncivilized and irreducible facts: that some men are predators, and that even a weakish man can overpower a strongish woman. Inspector Sue Best of the Metropolitan Police pleaded for women to "understand how vulnerable we are", yet to exude bold off-putting confidence in dangerous situations. A course in the audience said quietly that she had "been mugged twice this year already. Something you can never get across to people is the surprise. I was paralysed with shock. A health visitor reminded us of her colleague, recently murdered."

One of the most powerful allies of the trust is Tony Black, recently retired from many years as clinical psychologist at Broadmoor. He made a brave attempt at identifying, simply, the types of male aggressor: the "pathetic botcher" - in search of love but unable to find it, replacing it with sexual attacks and brief fits of violent anger at being rejected and feared - or the man motivated by hatred and a desire to dominate, often in response to some ancient slight. "Competent, assured professional women," he observed mildly, "might well come into the category of woman he wishes to punch and humiliate."

In the audience, young solicitors and surveyors, dressed for success, stirred uneasily, recognizing the truth of a situation which could face them any day. The men listened closely, but said little.

Strategies for survival were outlined trenchantly by Charles Longdon-Hughes, a former world karate champion who teaches the sport at Suzy Lamplugh's old school. He attacked the concept of "self-defence courses" as being too little, and too lightly taken. Run away, was his message. "We're socialized into looking after property," he said, "doing our job under any circumstances. We've got to learn to look after our life first. I do. Someone jumps into my car at the lights, I jump out the other door. I can always get another car."

Longdoo-Hughes agreed that women - anxious to please, keen to get on in their careers in a man's world - were easy prey for attackers to lead into vulnerable situations.



Putting grief to good use: Suzy Lamplugh's parents, Diana and Paul

"Look, I know how women feel," he continued. "I'm black. I know how it is to think you've got to be better than anyone else to succeed. But you've got to learn to understand risk, and get out quick."

When it came to what path the trust should take, the meeting offered a choice, ranging from the hard-line limited-target approach of the man from the National Association of Estate Agents - "the attack must be directed at employees and their following of our safety leaflet instructions" - to the broad social changes proposed by Professor Brian Groombridge of London University. He bravely talked about our need to form "an analogue of chaperonage. Not actual chaperons - oot anything which would throw away 50 years of women's progress - but an equivalent of chaperoning. We may be talking about street-lighting, about the environment; we may be talking about anti-sexist education."

He cited the M4 rapist, John Steed, and his compulsive bodybuilding and passion for fast cars as being part of "a rapist culture". It seemed a significant moment, that; this was no audience of leftish,

feminist thinkers or anti-sexist campaigners; this was at least 60 per cent moderate, probably rightish, affluent Home Counties England. But an England worried enough, after the disappearance of Suzy Lamplugh, to listen at last to phrases like "rapist culture" with some humility.

"This is not frivolous," Groombridge said, "but we have one educational resource in the field of self-protection which has recently occurred to me, and we don't exploit it yet: prostitutes. They have something important to teach other women. If any group of women knows a thing or two about funny men and dangerous situations, they do. We should enlist their experience." And, he added, "We do have to change men. That's essential."

Diana Lamplugh was happy with the meeting. "I suppose it began as something just for myself," she said, "to pull something worthwhile out of the most horrendous experience. But now I've talked to so many people, I can see that even if Suzy walked back through the door tomorrow, the trust would have to go on."

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Screen benefits

Discussions on the feasibility of a breast cancer screening programme in this country tend to focus on the number of lives that could be saved. Although studies have yet to establish that younger women would benefit, experts agree that if all 50 to 74-year-old women in the country were offered regular X-ray mammography, 2,000 lives could be saved each year. But this week two doctors from Sweden, where pioneer breast research has been done, told a meeting in London that there were other important

MEDICAL BRIEFING

benefits of screening. Doctors Bengt Lundgren and Anders Helleberg, from the Swedish county of Gavle, said that because regular screening allows cancers to be detected earlier, treatment need not be so aggressive. When routine screening was first offered in Gavle in 1975, only 11 per cent of all cancers detected were so-called stage 1 or small, localized tumours. Nearly 90 per cent were advanced cancers which required treatment such as mastectomy, chemotherapy and radiotherapy.

Now more than 70 per cent of tumours detected are stage 1. The result by 1985, 60 per cent of the women in the county with breast cancer needed only to have the lump removed and no more than 28 per cent had to have a mastectomy. No patient had to have post-operative radiotherapy. British surgeons who were present at the meeting were not convinced that the Swedes' gentle approach would work. But Dr Helleberg told the meeting that very few of the women tested in this way had had a recurrence of their breast cancer which could not be treated - and the majority of these probably had more widespread disease than originally thought.

Young eyes

Many health authorities recommend that children should have their eyes checked for the first time when they are about three-and-a-half years old. But specialists are beginning to suspect that, in some cases, this may be too late and that some defects may not be correctable at that age, but would be if the children were treated earlier.

Five years ago a big screening programme began in Cambridge and Bristol. So far 8,000 babies, aged six to nine months, have had their eyes tested. Dr Janette Atkinson, from Cambridge University's visual development unit says the study has shown that those children who have refractive errors (long or short-sightedness) as babies are highly likely to still have the problem at three-and-a-half. But if spectacles are used in the first year the child is far more likely to have normal vision three years later.

Wheel thing

Cycling is one of the best ways to keep fit, according to sports science specialists at the University of Birmingham. They studied nearly 1,400 factory workers from Cadbury Schweppes's Bourneville plant to see just how fit they were and how much exercise they took. The overall results were - perhaps not unexpectedly - disappointing. Most of those tested could only be described

Stick stuck

Those getting ready for the party season should be warned of a "new and potentially serious hazard associated with the hasty ingestion of martinis (or Gibson's)", as reported in the *New England Journal of Medicine*. Daniel Malamud, a PhD student at Pennsylvania University, dined at a restaurant in Vermont, and several cocktail onions on a flat wooden toothpick rather too quickly. The toothpick lodged in his throat and when he tried to cough it up it stuck in the back of his nose. It took a trip to the emergency room and some adroit work with forceps to get it out.

Double-checking on polio

Doctors from the Central Public Health Laboratory have warned school-leavers to be sure to have a polio booster. Concern that the level of immunity to poliomyelitis might not be high enough in some sections of the community led Dr Phillipa White and Dr Jonathan Green to test nearly 1,000 people - including babies and the very old - for immunity. They found that 98 per cent of people were protected against at least one of the three main polio viruses and that 77 per cent had adequate protection against all three.

But by the time children reach the ages of eight to 15, their immunity to polio virus - Type 3 in particular - was on the wane. Oral polio vaccines are safe for the person being inoculated; they contain live polio virus which has been treated to make it non-virulent. But sometimes a newly vaccinated person will excrete polio virus which has reverted to its virulent form, especially with polio virus Type 3. Those with poor Type 3 immunity risk catching the disease from someone who has recently been vaccinated. Older teenagers have better Type 3 immunity than eight to 15-year-olds, but the associated risk makes a booster vaccination important.

TALKBACK

position where gravity aids the dilation of the birth canal instead of delivery in a reclining position where the mother struggles and strains to get the baby out; the judicious prescribing of homeopathic remedies where suitable, and finally progressively stronger pelvic floor exercises after the birth can all help to reduce the currently vast number of women (about 37 per cent of whom have had at least one baby) suffering from stress incontinence. What a pity the doctors so

Wheel thing

underestimate the help of physiotherapists. From Catherine Mitchell, Haworth Hall, Beverley Road, Hull. I read *Married To Affairs Of State* (Wednesday Page, November 5) with interest. It seemed to take for granted that there were no women high-fliers or even male diplomatic husbands. Is this truly the case? I do hope not. I do not mean that I would like to see men tripping to the floor corners of the globe after their wives, but surely there must be some examples of a male dilemma.

From Deirdre Y. Mackay

MCSF, Rhodes Cottage, Little Budworth, Tarporley, Cheshire. Your report *Women's Woe* (Medical Briefing, October 24) highlighted the "clearing-up-the-mess" attitude to stress incontinence so prevalent in medical circles. But pelvic floor exercises performed regularly several times a day during pregnancy; the wearing of lightweight support if the mother's abdominal muscles cannot cope unaided with the growing bulk and weight of the uterus in the last three months of pregnancy; birth in an upright

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THE BOBBY'S RETURN

The nineteenth-century writer, Alexander Herzen, remarked that while seeing a policeman in Russia had an effect like a tile falling on one's head, in England the same sight surprisingly increased one's sense of security...

Probation departments, psychologists and community workers. In more recent years, economic recession has lacerated social tensions...

discovered - or rather rediscovered - that they cannot succeed without a close and sensitive connection to the communities they are in. Much of the tension between police and inhabitants in inner-city areas with high crime rates has arisen in the past from the police's inability to know enough about who is actually committing crime...

EUROPE GROUNDED

Europe stalled badly on the issue of air rights this week and now looks unlikely to recover before Britain relinquishes its seat at the controls in seven weeks time. Of all the areas in which the Government had hoped to make some progress during its six months in the presidency, this one had looked the most promising...

were confronted with a proposal to remove the present restrictions on discount fares - restrictions which effectively exclude businessmen. Both were voted down. If Europe cannot agree on reforms as cautious as these, Europe is never going to agree on anything...

small network of bilateral deals to cover as many of the partners as possible. Such agreements have already been signed with Belgium, the Netherlands, West Germany and Luxembourg and would seem to be working reasonably well. Since the bilateral deal with Holland in 1984, the cheaper fares have already brought increased business...

THE RATING GAME

The abolition of local rates in Scotland, confirmed as part of this year's legislative programme in the Queen's Speech, will provide an invaluable controlled experiment for the later reform of the rating system in England and Wales. It has been on the political agenda for at least ten years.

beginning of this year have been almost uniformly hostile to the concept of a flat rate poll tax. Comments were due to be with the Department of the Environment by the end of last month, and so far as England and Wales are concerned, Mr Nicholas Ridley, now has the task of pondering what changes, if any, he should make to the original proposals.

continue to be supported by the safety net of social security, the community charge is also likely to be more regressive than rates. For all their manifold failings, rates are more closely linked to ability to pay than a flat-rate charge. And the more one looks at the practical difficulties of collecting the tax, the greater they seem.

Avoiding Aids in absence of cure

From Dr E. G. Lever. Screening populations at the present time will not pick up those in the latent period before the antibody has developed and will raise anxieties in those who have the antibody present but have no clinical symptoms...

BBC under fire

From Mr Tom U. Meyer. Sir, For six years, variously under Labour and Conservative Governments, I headed a Civil Service unit the main function of which was providing advice to ministers on the constitutional aspects of broadcasting...

Neglected exam?

From the Headmaster of The King's School, Gloucester. Sir, The Chairman of the British Overseas Trade Board (November 3) makes a timely plea for more effective modern-language teaching in the sixth form for those students taking sciences and other non-linguistic subjects at A level...

Hole in the roof

From Mr George Breece. Sir, In his article in yesterday's paper (November 8) Bamber Gascoigne stated that the [British Library Reading Room] dome's glass circle is 'weather-proofed' like the Pantheon.

Advertising on TV

From the Director of The Incorporated Society of British Advertisers Limited. Sir, Your Special Report yesterday (November 3) on the 50th birthday of television in Britain covers some interesting ground, but I must take exception to one implication of Peter Waymark's article which could be misleading.

Industry gibe

From Mr M. T. Heydeman. Sir, Earlier this year, the National Advisory Body for public sector higher education (NAB) planned several economic, including the selection of the 'O4 programme' - chemistry, physics and food science - from the Reading College of Technology.

Suez factor in defence plans

From Viscount Watkinson, CBE. Sir, As a past Minister of Defence and the minister in charge of shipping in the Eden Government I must issue with Sir John Nott's article on our strategic defence capacity (November 6). It was the lack of capacity to mount an amphibious operation quickly that did as much as anything to lose us the Suez war.

Falklands fishing

From Mr Alistair Horne. Sir, Sir John Nott's article points up two key ingredients that brought success to the Falklands, as opposed to disaster at Suez. One was the courage and single-mindedness of the Prime Minister; the second was that, in 1982, Britain had the support of the United States - coupled with the name of Casper Weinberger, who (and not just over the Falklands) proved himself to be a true friend of this country.

Racing handicaps

From Ms Bo Goldman. Sir, "These other horses couldn't beat (Dancing Brave) with a hammer in Europe," said Pat Eddery after his mount finished a gasping fourth in Santa Anita's Breeders' Cup.

Phrase or fable?

From Dr R. P. Robertson. Sir, Subsidised by Pitt or not, "wooden legs are cheap" (letter, November 7). It is not 40 years since I visited an elderly man who, sitting by the fire, was carving himself a new wooden leg from a piece of scrap wood he had found on the dump.

ON THIS DAY

NOVEMBER 14 1851 The opening of a telegraph under the Channel joined London to other Continental capitals, which were already linked overland. The Duke of Wellington (1769-1852) was attending the Harbour School ceremony in his capacity as Lord Warden of the Cinque Ports

THE SUBMARINE TELEGRAPH

Great interest had been excited by the announcement made in the columns of The Times of the 10th inst. that the Submarine Telegraph Company would be prepared to transmit communications between the towns of Dover and Calais on Thursday the 13th of November. A distance of some three miles from the South Foreland Lighthouse, where the cable had been temporarily placed, had to be laid with insulated wire and arrangements connected with the necessary conduct of the undertaking completed.

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BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, DEATHS AND IN MEMORIAM

ANDERSON - On 12th November, 1986, after a short illness, Mrs. Mary Anderson, nee Robinson, died at home...

DEATHS - BIRNBAUM - On Wednesday November 12th 1986, at the age of 85, Mrs. Elizabeth Birnbaum, nee...

MEMORIAL SERVICES - BENNETT - A Meeting in commemoration of the life of John Bennett will be held at the Church of St. Andrew...

Science report - Work on budgies may save species in danger. Pioneering work in protecting endangered species by scientists at London Zoo...

The Royal Society - 1983 University Research Fellowships. The Council of the Society has made appointments in 1983 University Research Fellowships...

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STOCK MARKET

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Hoover bonus

British employees of Hoover, the US domestic appliance group, are offered a lifetime pension contributions holiday in a package to cut the surplus in the company's pension fund. The surplus is estimated at £113 million. Hoover's British workforce has fallen from a peak at 16,000 to 5,500. The company has proposed winding up the existing scheme and replacing it with a new scheme with improved benefits. The distribution will total £87 million, of which £42 million will go towards improved pensions. Hoover will take £27 million and the Inland Revenue £18 million. Employees had objected to earlier proposals to split the cash equally between the company, employees and the Revenue. Hoover said yesterday it felt the package met all reasonable objections to the earlier proposals.

Profits rise

Laid Securities, the UK's largest property company, revealed a 7.2 per cent rise in interim pretax profits for the half year to September 30 1986 to £58.1 million. The interim dividend is 3.25p per share, a 12 per cent increase and earnings per share stood at 7.51p compared with 6.46p for the same period the previous year. Temps, page 29

Wellcome up

Wellcome, the pharmaceutical group, raised its pretax profits for the year to August 31 by 3 per cent to £125.3 million. Turnover virtually unchanged at £1,005.4 million. A dividend of 1.32p has been declared. Temps, page 29

Royal record

Third quarter results at Royal Insurance showed an spectacular recovery in the United States and a good performance in Britain. Pretax profits were £105.7 million compared with £34.4 million for the previous third quarter. City surprised, page 28

Profits up

Storehouse, the Habitat/Mothercare/BHS combine, announced its first interim results since the merger. Pretax profits for the 24 weeks to September 14 rose 20 per cent to £37 million. The dividend was increased 15 per cent to 2.3p. Temps, page 29

Bid talks

Glasgow Stockholders Trust has received an approach which may lead to an offer. A further announcement will be made "as soon as possible."

Table with 2 columns: Stock Name, Price/Change. Includes Wall Street, Dow Jones, Nikkei Dow, Hang Kong, etc.

MARKET SUMMARY

Summary table with sections: STOCK MARKETS, INTEREST RATES, CURRENCIES, and GOLD. Includes data for New York, London, and various indices.

T&N scents victory with new £271m bid for AE group

Sir Francis Tombs, chairman of the engineering group Turner & Newall, last night made his long-awaited re-entry into the battle for control of AE group. T&N is making a renewed and final offer of £271 million in cash and shares for the beleaguered automotive engineering group, which is on the receiving end of another bid from Mr Robert Maxwell's Hollis group. Sir Francis also disclosed what may prove to be the trump card in the long-running fight for AE. In addition to the near-30 per cent holding which filled narrowly in September, T&N now has the backing of unnamed parties who can deliver a further 14 per cent. With close on 44 per cent of AE shares under his belt, Sir Francis looks to be in a dominant position. Terms of the new offer are 11 new T & N shares and £8 in cash for every 10 shares in AE. On the basis of last night's closing price of 174p for T & N shares, the offer values each AE share at 271p.

By John Bell, City Editor Sir Francis said last night: "We have renewed our offer because we still believe in the powerful logic of combining AE and Turner & Newall and the benefits which can be expected to accrue to shareholders and employees as a result of the merger. "The board of AE has tried to pre-empt a renewed offer by recommending shareholders to accept an offer from Hollis which has no industrial logic whatsoever and which is unattractive on terms." On November 4, Hollis, the much smaller furniture and timber arm of Mr Maxwell's business empire, emerged as a white knight in an agreed bid for AE. The move came less than a week after the City Takeover Panel gave permission for a renewed offer from T&N after a month-long investigation into share deals during the first takeover battle. The investigation ended with the censure of AE's advisers, Cazenove and Hill Samuel. The Hollis offer was warmly welcomed by AE's chairman, Sir John Collyear. He said then that Mr Maxwell's intended strategy of developing Hollis as a high technology-based manufacturing group was entirely consistent with the aims of AE. One of the more controversial aspects of the Hollis deal was that control of the combined AE-Hollis group would switch to Mr Maxwell's master company, Pergamon. Sir Francis commented last night that Pergamon is not controlled in Britain but by Pergamon Holding Foundation, a trust based in Liechtenstein, the beneficiaries of which remain secret. T & N confirmed its earlier forecast that profits for this year will be greater than those for 1985 and also repeated its promise that shareholders will receive a 50 per cent increase in total dividend this year. AE shares closed last night at 268p, just below the level of T & N's final offer, while Hollis shares were unchanged at 76p.

Manufacturing output up 1.2%

By David Smith, Economics Correspondent Industrial production showed a healthy rise in the third quarter, helped by a September surge in output. There was a strong, 1.2 per cent rise in manufacturing output in September, although the figures may be erratic. They included a 21 per cent increase in car output in September, largely reversed in October, according to Department of Trade and Industry figures yesterday. In the latest three months, manufacturing output was up 1.3 per cent on the previous three months, but only 0.9 per cent up on the third quarter of last year because of a downturn in manufacturing output in the second half of last year and the early part of this year. Industries enjoying a robust recovery in the July-September period included chemicals, up 3.2 per cent on the previous three months, and electrical and instrument engineering, up 3.9 per cent. But output was down in metals, motor vehicles and parts in spite of the sharp September rise in car output, and man-made fibres. Food, drink and tobacco, clothing and footwear, and other manufacturing sectors showed increases in line with the overall rise in manufacturing output. Industrial production as a whole, including energy output, was up 0.7 per cent in September, and by 1.5 per cent in the third quarter, compared with the previous quarter. Third-quarter North Sea oil output rose 6.3 per cent. The industrial production figures, while more encouraging than for some time, underline that the output of consumer goods is not keeping up with high-street spending. Consumer goods output was up 1 per cent on a year earlier, while consumer spending rose 5 per cent. However, manufacturers may have run down stocks to accommodate extra spending. The pound fell further yesterday but recovered some ground. It closed 0.3 lower against leading currencies at an average value of 68.2 after earlier falling to 68. Against the dollar it was 1/2 cent lower at \$1.4227.

Defections may end in court fight

By Richard Thomson Banking Correspondent The mass defection of staff from W I Carr, the stockbroker also known as Wico, appeared to be escalating yesterday as it looked likely that up to 80 people would be moving to Swiss Bank Corporation. Most of the defections are happening in Wico's East operation where there has been long-standing discontent among staff. Apart from SBC, Barclays de Zoete Wedd is also interested in attracting staff from Wico, although BZW is believed to be mainly interested in the London end of the operation. BZW has already recruited a team of six Japanese Euroconvertible stocks experts from Wico this month. Mr Richard Davey, the financial director of Exco International, which owns Wico, said yesterday: "The numbers of staff who have already given notice exceed the original estimates." Although he did not give an exact number, first reports of the defections suggested that 26 directors, analysts and salesmen were leaving. "The situation is in a state of flux. The eventual number of resignations have yet to be seen," he added. Exco is actively considering taking legal action over the defections. Mr Davey said that Wico had a total staff of about 400 in London and the Far East and that although the defections were a blow, the company had already begun to recruit new staff. He said some existing staff had given assurances that they would be staying with the company.

£22m rights call by John Waddington

By Richard Lander John Waddington, the packaging, games and business forms group, is raising £22.4 million through a rights issue, most of which will be used to finance expansion of its plastics and packaging interests on both sides of the Atlantic. Waddington has already earmarked home for £8 million of the one-for-four issue, which was announced alongside a 60 per cent increase in pretax profits. A total of £4 million will be invested in plant and equipment for the recently-acquired Comet Products, an American company making oven-proof plastic trays, while a similar amount will be spent to expand the British carboys and plastics businesses. Further investments are being made in Label Converters, another new Waddington company. The rights shares, which are underwritten by Kleinwort Benson, are being issued at 180p. The existing shares fall 10p to 205p on news of the issue. Figures for the 27 weeks to October 4, which included a jump in pretax profits from £3.2 million to £5.2 million, showed Waddington's increasing dependence on packaging, which now accounts for half of group sales and 63 per cent of trading profits. Earnings per share, restated after a four-for-one bonus issue in June, rose 35 per cent to 7.5p and the interim dividend was raised from 2.6p to 2.9p.

£18m hotel

Rush & Tompkins, the contractor and developer, is to build an £18 million hotel next to the Scottish exhibition and conference centre in Glasgow. The 300-bedroom hotel will be operated by Forum Hotels International.

Gas shares 'yield' 20%

By Martin Baker Small investors in British Gas will have a strong financial incentive to hold their shares. A combination of gas vouchers, worth a £10 discount against bills on 150 shares, and a forecast gross dividend of £5.63 to be paid in October, 1987, will provide a net return of 20.8 per cent on a minimum outlay of £75, says N M Rothschild, bankers to the privatization. The calculation of the capital outlay assumes that the second tranche of payment will be £50. "This high yield is to encourage people not to sell straight away, while the bonus share element is designed to hold them for three years," said Mr Michael Richardson, Rothschild's managing director of corporate finance. Today is the last day to register priority. Customers who wish to do so should call British Gas on 0272 272 272.

Bonn cuts back its spending targets

Bonn (Reuters) - The West German government has scaled down its forecast for 1987 net borrowing to below DM23 billion from an original target of DM24.3 billion (£8.38 billion). The revised figures came in a statement by Herr Friedrich Voss, parliamentary secretary to the finance ministry. New net borrowing in 1986 is scheduled at DM23.7 billion. Herr Voss also said spending would rise in 1987 by only slightly over 2 per cent, compared with an estimate of 2.9 per cent increase approved by the cabinet in July. Spending had provisionally been targeted to rise to DM271 billion from DM263.48 billion in 1986. Herr Voss's statement came during a meeting of the parliamentary budget committee which made the proposals with the backing of the government. They will be presented to parliament next week.



Virgin's quarter-mile queue

The Virgin chairman, Mr Richard Branson, left the stock market behind for a few minutes yesterday as his company headed for its well publicised entry to the Stock Market. The £250 million share flotation of the records and entertainment group closed oversubscribed after queues of investors stretching almost a quarter of a mile through the City with last-minute applications. Mr Branson met prospective shareholders at Lloyds Bank in Bishopsgate, where extra staff had been recruited to handle the issue. Investors had to tender at a minimum price of 120p. The final striking price is expected to be announced today. About 100,000 applications for the flotation have been received at prices of between 140p and 180p, according to estimates last night.

Computer overload brings further disruption to SE

By Our City Staff Dealings on the Stock Exchange were disrupted yet again yesterday when the market's SEAO share trading system was temporarily closed down amid its worst problems since it was launched on Big Bang day, October 27. The system was shut down for about 30 minutes in early business as about 10 market-makers found it impossible to feed in secret signing on codes and quote their prices. There were further problems throughout the day as participants were unable to update prices and report trades. Several firms found themselves switched off from the system as their input lines to the SEAO computer failed. A Stock Exchange spokesman said that the problems were again due to overloading of the topic price information system. He said SEAO was shut down on the principle that all firms should have equal access to the market. "Some firms had problems this morning. After that parts of the communications systems of some firms ran into problems. There are still five firms which face sporadic problems," the spokesman added. Mr David Rochester, a managing director of Merrill Lynch, one of the firms affected, said: "SEAO had a hardware problem which impeded our ability to gain entry to the system until around 9.20am." A spokesman for County Securities said: "From 9am to 2pm we had problems updating our prices. We suspended almost all our dealing through SEAO because people got very annoyed with you when you say that the screen price is not firm because you haven't been able to update it." Firms affected by the problems, which have dogged SEAO since its launch at Big Bang, resorted to dealing through the floor of the Stock Exchange, although some continued to update prices and trades through back-up work-stations. In reply to the adverse publicity that SEAO has attracted, Sir Nicholas Goodison, the chairman of the Stock Exchange, said in a letter to The Times on October 31 that the system had worked for more than 97 per cent of scheduled service time.

Plessey wins £75m Rapier radar order

By Teresa Poole, Business Correspondent Plessey has been awarded a contract worth more than £75 million to supply the surveillance and target acquisition radar for the British Acrospac Rapier 2000 air defence system ordered yesterday by the Ministry of Defence. The announcement came as Sir John Clark, chairman and chief executive of Plessey, revealed a 24 per cent increase in pretax profits to £87.4 million for the six months to the end of September. He also said Plessey was seeking approval from the French authorities for System X to be considered as the alternative digital exchange for the national telephone network. The jump in Plessey's first-half profits was mainly due to a sharp improvement in the telecommunications business where operating profits improved from £23.6 million to £37.9 million, thanks to a £6 million turnover at the US subsidiary Stromberg-Carlson and much higher deliveries of System X equipment to British Telecom. The results, however, failed to lift shares which slipped 10p to 180p. Sales in the half year rose by £30.3 million to £687 million. Comment, page 27

Clyde in £14m Berkeley bid

Clyde Petroleum is offering to acquire the whole of the issued share capital of Berkeley Exploration for £13.96 million in an agreed bid. This is well above Ranger Oil's cash offer of £11 million. Clyde is offering 11 of its own shares for every 10 Berkeley shares. The share offer is worth approximately 57p a share, and there is a full cash alternative worth 51.7p. The terms of the merger mean that there will be no dilution and Clyde's chairman, Mr Colio Phipps, said last night that Clyde was not paying a premium. He said that the merged company would have more than 60 million barrels of oil and gas reserves and 5 producing oilfields in the North Sea.

One vote throws out London Wall plan

The Corporation of the City of London has decided by a hair's breadth to overturn the decision of its planning committee to allow MEPC, one of Britain's largest property companies to demolish Lee House on London Wall and replace it with 300,000 sq ft of new offices designed to accommodate financial corporations in the aftermath of Big Bang. Mr Michael Cassidy, the chairman of the Corporation's planning committee, said last night: "We are most disappointed especially in view of the closeness of the decision." The vote was 57 against and 56 in favour. "The overwhelming need for the City to meet demand for such property within the Square Mile remains as urgent as ever. We must now consider the other applications for London Wall and judge the public response to this decision." Last night, MEPC said it was reviewing the situation on whether to appeal or go ahead with a new application. Six other applications are in train to redevelop buildings lining London Wall and which are now considered inadequate to cope with the demands of Big Bang. And the City is facing the threat of an alternative 10 million sq ft financial centre in the shape of Canary Wharf in London's Docklands planned by a foreign banking consortium.

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Readicut profits doubled

By Cliff Fiddman. Readicut International, the specialist textile group headed by Professor Roland Smith, has chalked up its best half-time performance since 1978.

Mr Alan Dodman, managing director, said yesterday: "Renovation in the high street has created a lot of extra business for us. All big stores are improving their facilities and this has pushed up our sales considerably."

The group says improvement is due to its carpets, yarns and fibres, and industrial products activities. Firth Carpets, in particular, achieved what Readicut describes as an impressive profit level, maintaining its position as one of the most successful carpet companies in the United Kingdom.

The board says trading is high at most of its companies. Mr Dodman says that, in addition to expanding its present businesses, Readicut is keen to hit the acquisition trail.

"Ideally, we are looking at companies in the textile sector and preferably those based in the Yorkshire area where we operate."

Analysts are looking for full-year pretax profits this year of about £7 million compared with £5.6 million last year. The interim dividend is up from 0.165p a share to 0.25p.

Eagle Star in £8m sale to Frogmore

Frogmore Estates, the property company, has bought £9.8 million of properties including two fully-let office blocks purchased from Eagle Star Properties for £8 million.

Both buildings, one in central London and the other in Middlesex, will be kept in Frogmore's investment portfolio producing £799,650 per annum next year.

The company is also improving the quality of its portfolio by buying the freehold of its 16-acre estate in Essex for £1.2 million from Whitehall Securities.

It recently paid £18 million for an investment portfolio of which £5.4 million of properties will be retained with the rest being sold.

Record profit at Royal Insurance surprises City

By Alison Eadie. Royal Insurance, Britain's largest insurer, beat City expectations by a spectacular margin when it produced its highest quarterly profits.

It made pretax profits of £105.7 million for the three months to September. This took the total for nine months to £193.1 million compared with £16.6 million for the previous nine months.

Third quarter profits from Commercial Union and General Accident this week disappointed the market, but Royal's results in America caused the surprise. The company made an underwriting profit there of \$8.7 million (£5.9 million), its first since 1978.

The combined underwriting profit of the US and Britain gave a worldwide underwriting profit of £2.2 million, the first quarterly underwriting profit since 1979.

Royal writes more commercial business in the US than other British insurers and has benefited from the hefty rate rises imposed in July 1984. Rate rises are tailing off - commercial multi-peril rates were up by 39 per cent in the third quarter compared with 50 per cent in the second and

58 per cent in the first - but there are only limited signs of capacity returning in the bread and butter business.

Royal's operating ratio in the US - claims and expenses to premiums - fell below its competitors to 98 per cent. In Britain, Royal made a marginal third-quarter underwriting profit on its motor business.

Royal believes the underlying trend of its American business is more encouraging than its results show. About 50 per cent of its exposure is in workers' compensation and personal lines.

Wood Mackenzie, the stockbroker, has raised its estimate for full-year profits by £45 million to £280 million, against £41.4 million in 1985. In 1987 Wood Mackenzie estimates profits of £425 million.

Royal expects to produce dividend growth of 15 per cent a year for the next five years, bounced 29p higher to 828p.

If Royal, like its competitors, had used end-period instead of average exchange rates, its nine-month profits would have been £4 million higher at £197.2 million.

Iran to back Saudi line on raising oil prices

By David Young, Energy Correspondent. Iran, the Opec member most consistent in its demands for a fixed price, said yesterday that it would support Saudi Arabian moves to send oil prices back upwards by the end of this year.

The country's oil minister, Gholamreza Agazadeh, said that prices should be at \$18 a barrel by the end of the year and then move back up to \$28 in 18 months.

Iran has been a bitter opponent of previous Saudi tactics which defended market share but sent prices down and hit revenues. The two countries have had strained relations for several years because of Saudi

support for the regime in Iraq. However, at this weekend's Opec committee meeting in Ecuador, it will support the new Saudi oil minister, Sheikh Hisham Nazer, in his efforts to arrive at a fixed price formula which Opec can adopt at its meeting in Geneva on December 11.

The Iranian oil minister said, as he left Tehran for Ecuador, that all 13 Opec members should undertake not to sell oil at less than \$18 a barrel under any circumstances.

He also revealed that Iran has had negotiations with Russia about the possibility of selling Iranian natural gas.

Wiggins may buy mill

The Spanish company, Celulosas de Asturias (CEASA), produces about 130,000 tonnes of eucalyptus pulp a year, and Wiggins clearly has plans for expansion if the deal goes through. The "acquisition" price is thought to be about £40 million.

A takeover would strengthen Wiggins Teape's presence in the Iberian peninsula after its purchase of a 42 per cent stake in Soporel, the Portuguese eucalyptus pulp maker.

November 13, 1986. Total contracts 49848. Calls 31969. Puts 17885. FT-SE Index: Call: 1181. Puts: 1634. *Underlying security prices.

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Land Securities INTERIM RESULTS

Table of interim results showing extracts from consolidated revenue account for the half year ended 30.9.86 (audited) and 30.9.85 (unaudited).

The large development programme currently being undertaken will not be income-producing for some time. The income before taxation is after charging all interest, including that on capital expenditure, and for the second half of the year to March 1987 is not expected to differ materially from that of the first half to September 1986.

An interim dividend has been declared of 3.25p per share (1985: 2.9p) which with the related tax credit is equivalent to 4.577p (1985: 4.143p).

- List of investment properties including: A £45m freehold, 200,000 sq.ft. shop development scheme in Darlington; The Longmark site in Canterbury; The 250,000 sq.ft. covered and air conditioned Ards Shopping Centre in Northern Ireland; The retail warehouse portfolio; The freehold of Britannic House North, EC2; Planning permission for Moorgate Hall, EC2 and Grand Buildings, WC2; The gross building area of these City and West End developments.

A leaflet setting out the Interim Results and comments in more detail will be despatched shortly to the Shareholders. A copy may be obtained from The Secretary. LAND SECURITIES PLC Devonshire House, Piccadilly, London W1X 6BT

New-style rates 'will hit profits'

By Judith Hamley Commercial Property Correspondent

The Government's plan to reform the commercial rating system and reassess rental values by 1990 could lead to a 5 per cent drop in operating profits for a typical chain of high street fashion stores...

Minister urges offshore companies to battle for contracts abroad

By David Young, Energy Correspondent

Britain's offshore construction industry, which has been hit by a fall in orders as the world oil price slowed the pace of development in the North Sea, was told yesterday to step up efforts to win orders in overseas markets...

minimal. Angola has low cost reserves interesting deep water potential, no real capability of its own and the impending loss of US export credit...

COMPANY NEWS

WESTPAC: Final dividend 14c (same), making 28c (27). Gross income for year to September 30, \$7.68 billion (\$6.21 billion). NATIONAL AUSTRALIA BANK: Final dividend 14.5c (14), making 29c (27.5). Gross income for year to September 30, \$5.36 billion (\$1.04 billion).

Market needs time to appreciate Storehouse

Obsessed as it is with short-term performance, the market cannot see beyond the end of its nose. Investors who take a longer-term view should not be of faint heart but start accumulating shares now.

Land Securities

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APPOINTMENTS

Michael Peters Financial Communications: Miss Jill Satin becomes marketing director. Clarksoo Puckle Midlands: Mr Nigel Morris is made managing director.

Mr Barrie Etherington takes over as marketing director of BT&D Technologies. British Telecommunications: Dr Alan Rudge becomes director of research and technology.

Mr Bob Phillips is made group managing director. Mircelco: Mr Simon Gunn joins the board as finance director.

Ernst & Whinney: Mr Ivan Carruthers becomes a partner. Technical Component Industries: Mr Denis Robson and Mr Michael Wells are made partners.

Royal Insurance Estimated Nine Months Results for 1986

Table with 4 columns: Category, 9 months to 30 Sept 1986 (unaudited) £m, 9 months to 30 Sept 1985 (unaudited) £m, Year 1985 (audited) £m. Rows include General Premiums, General Insurance, Underwriting Balance, etc.

* There was a pre-tax profit of £193.1m compared with a pre-tax profit of £16.6m in the same period last year thus producing a £176.5m improvement. The third quarter pre-tax profit was £105.7m.

Royal Insurance logo and address: Royal Insurance plc, Group Head Office, 1 Cornhill, London EC3V 3QR. Includes a large illustration of a classical building.

LWT (Holdings) plc advertisement. Includes a photo of Christopher Bland, Chairman, and a detailed financial table showing Turnover, Group profit before exchequer levy, Exchequer levy, etc., for 1986 and 1985.

THE TIMES UNIT TRUST INFORMATION SERVICE

Main table containing unit trust information, organized into columns for various fund categories like 'ASSET UNIT TRUST MANAGERS', 'GENERAL INVESTMENT MANAGERS', 'RETIRED INVESTMENT MANAGERS', etc. Each entry includes fund names, managers, and performance metrics.

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Motoring by Clifford Webb

Hidden rays that menace the driver

The increasing use of electronics to control almost every function in today's "high tech" car has thrown up a major problem which for obvious reasons is not talked about outside the inner sanctums of the motor industry...

Bosch to modify some of their anti-lock components while the car makers themselves have developed wiring circuits on their cars to reduce susceptibility to emi.



Nissan Sunny: Now a zippy performer.

multi-plex system which uses a single "ring main" round the body to carry coded signals which activate every electrical device. But as yet no-one has succeeded in making it emi-proof and I for one am delighted that this is one area of development in which the industry is taking a conservative line.

Road test New Sunny

For years Japanese car design was dominated by the need to cater for American tastes. The results were ghastly with excess chrome-work, spongy suspension, garish plastic interiors and appalling handling.

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IN BRIEF

Foreign cars scooped all the awards in the Caravan Club Towcar of the Year 1987 competition with the Renault 21 GTI (pictured above)...

the 2.8 Lancia Thema V6 automatic costing £15,170. The Automobile Association recently carried out free checks on lights and tyres for customers using a Black Country store.

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A city prepares its valediction to modern chariots as they go the way of ancient Rome

Order of the Bath boot for the rally supercars

By David Duffield

Bath is about to play host to another piece of history. When, at 9.00am on Sunday, the first of the Group B cars in the Lombard RAC Rally set off to cover the 350 miles of 45 special stages dispersed over the 1,500 miles of the race distance, it will be the last time that they will compete in an international rally in the United Kingdom.

Unlike the Roman chariots which frequented the streets of Bath nearly 2,000 years ago, the Group B cars have not been superseded by progress but banned by FISA, the world governing body of motor sport, because they have become too powerful.

Race within race for world title

While many of the 160 machines taking part are more directly related to many cars in daily use (although specially prepared for the rigours of the four-day event and suitably decorated to promote their sponsor involvement), they are out-and-out specialists bearing only a passing resemblance to more mundane transport.

Reputations are at stake. Peugeot, with their four-wheel drive turbo-charged cars, have already won the world manufacturers' championship and Juhana Kankkunen in the Peugeot 205 T16 leads the drivers' championship.

debut in last year's rally, driven by Tooy Ponda, and finished third behind two Lancia Deltas. This year 13 MG Metros are taking part. Although slightly down on power compared with the Peugeot 205 T16 and Lancia Delta S4s, they are said to be more at home in the forest stages. Can a British driver in a British car succeed?

It is 10 years since a British driver won the rally. Roger Clark in a Ford Escort triumphing in 1976. This year there will be four factory-backed Group B Ford RS 200s, one of them driven by Stig Blomqvist, who won by 1983.

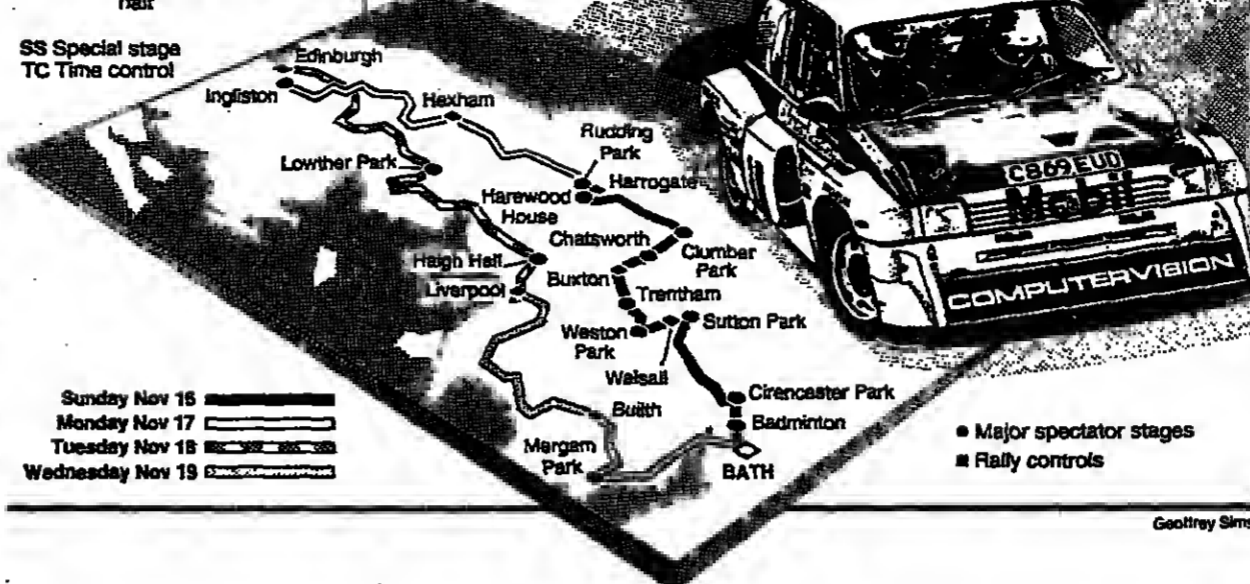
The car that could herald a new era

Lone rangers, but not in the running for top honours, are Roy Bradford in a Honda Civic CRX; Russell Morgan in a Mercedes 190; Mike Buckler in an Alfa Romeo 500 T3; and Susanne Komulinsky in a Volvo 240 turbo. Sponsored by the Swedish Air Force, she will have to fly to beat Louise Aitken-Walker, who is driving a Nissan 240RS. She finished sixteenth in 1985.

Unusual in today's high-pressure field of sport, the RAC Rally is a conglomeration of full factory-sponsored entrants and hopeful but expert amateurs all doing battle over the same piece of ground. Less than half will finish and the winner will come from any one of the first 20 cars to leave Bath on Sunday. It will take 1,500 miles to decide which one.

LOMBARD RAC RALLY

Table with rally schedule for Sunday, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday, listing start times and locations.



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Drivers who should steer their way to the front

TIMO SALONEN Finnish, aged 35, Peugeot 205 T8 (No 1). Principal successes: 1985: Five times winner in world championship rallies and 1985 world champion, 1986: Rally of a 1,000 Lakes winner.

STIG BLOMQVIST Sweden, 40, Ford RS 200 (No 2). Principal successes: 1971 and 1983, 1st RAC Rally. Winner of 12 other world championship rallies since 1971.

MARKKU ALEN Finland, 35, Lancia Delta S4 (No 3). Principal successes: 1978 World rally champion, 1983: winner of Tour of Corsica and San Remo Rally, 1986: winner of San Remo Rally.

TONY POND England, 41, MG Metro 6R4 (No 4). Principal successes: Winner of the Manx International three times and the Scottish International, 1985: 3rd, RAC Rally.

MARK LOVELL British, 26, Ford RS 200 (No 12). Principal successes: 1985: RAC National Rally Champion, 1986: British Open Rally Champion.

KENNETH ERIKSSON Sweden, 30, VW Golf GTI (No 27). Principal successes: 1986: Leader of the World Drivers' Championship, Group A.

RUSSELL BROOKES British, 41, Opel Manta 400 (No 15). Principal successes: 1985: British Open Champion, 5th, RAC Rally. Consistently finished in the top 10 placings in RAC Rally for 10 years.

KALLE GRUNDEL Sweden, 38, Ford RS 200 (No 6). Principal successes: 1980: Swedish champion, 1985: German Rally champion, 1986: 3rd, International Swedish Rally.

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Safe spots for crowds to watch

Last year in the Dyflant Forest the uncontrollable volume of spectators caused the RAC officials to cancel a special stage (David Duffield writes).

A month ago in the San Remo Rally the organizers cancelled a stage for the same reason. In Portugal earlier this year spectators were killed and injured when a rally car went off the road.

Despite the danger — or perhaps because of the excitement created by being close to the action — there has each year been a massive increase in the number of spectators along the route of the RAC Rally.

In the interests of safety, the RAC advise spectators to watch at specific "starred" stages where there are good safe viewing points and car parking facilities.

Vehicles with potential to take chequered flag

Six of the cars capable of winning their group

GROUP A: Vauxhall Astra GTE: 1798cc engine, 4 cylinders, 8 valves, 164 bhp. Drivers: Andrew Wood, Perri Aitken.

GROUP B: MG Metro 6R4: 2591cc, 6 cylinders, 24 valves, 380 bhp. Drivers: Tony Pond, Malcolm Wilson, David Llewellyn.

GROUP C: Lancia Delta S4: 1795cc, 4 cylinders, 16 valves, 470 bhp. Drivers: Markku Alen, Mikael Ericsson.

GROUP D: Ford RS 200: 1803cc, 4 cylinders, 16 valves, 420 bhp. Drivers: Stig Blomqvist, Kalle Grundle, Mark Lovell, Sigg Andersvang.

GROUP E: Peugeot 205 T16: 1775cc, 4 cylinders, 18 valves, 500 bhp. Drivers: Timo Salonen, Juhana Kankkunen, Mikael Sundstrom.

Norman makes a slow start to his Open defence

Melbourne (Reuters) — The British Open champion, Greg Norman, made a less than impressive start to his Australian Open title defence yesterday with a volatile round of two under-par 70, four strokes off the lead.

A fellow-Australian 160 Baker-Finch, seeking his first victory of the year, and the New Zealander, Greg Turner, winner of this year's Singapore and Scandinavian Opens, drew first blood with rounds of 66.

On a day of low scores, they were only one shot away from the course record, set in 1981 by Norman.

Three players — Magnus Persson, of Sweden, and the Australians Jamie Crow and Roger Davis — were grouped on 67, with the West German, Bernhard Langer, another two shots behind.

Norman finished the front nine three under the card after starting with four consecutive birdies and five under par. But he wasted shots with one-under-par at the 10th, 11th and 13th before birdies at the 16th and 17th restored a measure of respectability.

Norman said later: "I don't know whether it was concentration or bad club selection. I played very well on the front nine and could have shot anything — but could have shot anything bad on the back nine. I could have easily shot 74."

Faldo and Love tied in windswept lead

Hawaii (AP) — Nick Faldo, who has been British PGA champion three times, had a wind-whipped four-under-par 68 to share the first-round lead in the Isuzu Kapahula international golf tournament.

David Love III, a rookie, scored eagles on consecutive holes to tie with Faldo, who over went over par to winds he estimated at "50 to 60 miles per hour".

Both leaders played in the afternoon half of the field when conditions — while still difficult — were not so severe as the rain and gale-force winds which lashed the early starters.

"I've been here 11 years and I think these are the most difficult, most severe conditions I've seen," said Mark Roling, the tournament chairman, who also is one of the 44 pros chasing a \$150,000 (\$105,600) first prize.

He was among the early starters who played to winds that stripped names and numbers from the leader boards, knocked down a sponsor's hospitality tent and ripped branches from trees on the Kapahula Bay course.

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Statistics show fine line between pain and gain

By Mitchell Platt

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The statistics comprise five categories and Parkin finished sixth in the "driving distance" department with an average of 268 yards...

Forsbrand managed a 66 per cent strike rate in the greens hit in regulation category against Parkin's 59 per cent...



Parkin: angled out. Forsbrand: fortunate.

Table with 2 columns: Statistic and Value. Includes Driving Distance, Greens in Regulation, Putting, and Fairways Hit.

WOODS CHASES TITLE

Willie Wood will be trying to forget his disappointment in the CIS UK singles when he attempts today to win the Scottish title...

In the junior event, the charismatic Richard Corsie, aged 19, of Edinburgh, meets Frank McCartney, aged 27, of Irvine...

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The difference is that English players are so fast and energetic, but think too little, while we think about the game intelligently but are indecisive...

Miljanic is going to propose to Bobby Robson that the top 30 juniors in Yugoslavia should have an exchange deal with the FA's elite school at Lillleshall...

They tie second in the national division of the Abazov Cup League, having won only once and have reached this stage of the cup despite having been drawn away in three of the four qualifying rounds...

The team, who are paid only expenses, are a mixture of youth and experience, village and city dweller. Colin Williams, a midfielder player, is the only one to live in Ton Pentre...

Chance for Barnet to go top again

Non-league football by Paul Newman While the attention of most non-league followers will be focused on the FA Cup tomorrow, Barnet will be hoping to steal a march on their rivals and return to the top of the GM Vauxhall Conference Table by winning away to Dagenham...

Mexican formula to be retained

Rome (Reuters) - The much-criticised formula of this year's World Cup finals in Mexico, including penalty shootouts to settle drawn matches, is likely to survive unchanged for the 1990 competition in Italy...

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WOMEN'S HOCKEY

British squad count injuries

The Great Britain squad will be missing at Lillleshall this weekend, as 13 of the 17 players have suffered injuries...

